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## Calm moment in the midst of a storm



U.S. Army Sgt. Mark Cox of the 101st Airborne Division and his wife, Dawn, from Crawfordsville, Ind., laugh as they hug inside a hangar after Cox returned to Fort Campbell, Ky., from Iraq, on Jan. 7.

Fierce fighting in Iraq, a stabilization operation in Haiti, more questions on armor, force protection. The military endures a grueling 2004.

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## ews Tracker ... What's new with old news

#### States

right-to-die Tampa, Fla., appeals court Wednesda denied a request from the parents of a severely brain-damaged woman for a new trial in the long-running right-to-die

case, according to the court clerk's office. The 2nd District Court of Anneal issued the denial without a written opinion.

Attorney George Felos said once the court issues a formal decision in 15 days, Michael Schiavo may again be able to order the re-moval of the feeding tube that helps keep his 41-year-old wife alive

Terri Schiavo collapsed from a chemical imbalance due to an eating disorder 14 years ago and left no written end-of-life di-

Hospital in crisis: The Martin Luther King Jr./Drew Medical Center of Los Angeles failed an inspection by federal regula-tors this week, moving the beleaguered public hospital closer to losing \$200 million in

federal funding.

Barring a last-minute change, the Los Aneles County-owned hospital just south of Watts is tentatively slated to lose its federal money Jan. 19, county health officials wrote in a memo late Wednesday to the county Board of Supervisors. Without that funding, King/Drew could be forced to close, imperil-ing the largely poor black and Hispanic population it serves, officials have said.

King/Drew had pledged to make changes earlier this month after the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services faulted it for allowing county police officers to use Taser stun guns to subdue psychiatric pa-

Alabama Ten Commandments case: Former Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore acknowledges having feel-



alone in his state court house office awaiting delivery of a Ten Com-mandments monument he wanted to install in the rotunda. In a new book, "So

Help Me God," Moore describes that night as the completion of a lifelong mission to use his position as the state's

highest judge to publicly display a symbol of his religion

It was also the beginning of a two-year fight that ended with Moore becoming the first chief justice in Alabama's history to be expelled from office after he refused a federal judge's order to remove the monument from the judicial building's rotunda

#### World

Civil war in Sudan: Sudanese government and southern rebel officials were to sign a permanent cease-fire deal and endorse a detailed plan on how they would implement an agreement to end a 21-year civil war in southern Sudan, the Kenyan foreign ministry said Thursday

The north-south war has pitted Sudan's Islamic-dominated government against rebels seeking greater autonomy and a greater share of the country's wealth for the

Christian and animist south. The conflict is blamed for more than 2 million deaths, primarily from war-induced famine and disease.

Berlusconi's hair: Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi acknowledged Thursday that he had a hair transplant, saying his hair is "growing wonderfully" and that cosmetic surgery is a duty for those who can afford it. Italian media in August were abuzz with speculation that the image-conscious, bald-



Wash. governor's race: Republican gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi calls for a revote in the hotly contested Washington state governor's race at his campaign headquarters in Bellevue. Joining Rossi are, from left, his wife, Terry, and children Julianna, 14; Joseph, 8; Jake, 10; and Jillian, 4. Democrat Christine Gregoire was declared governor-elect Thursday - by 129 votes over Rossi - but Rossi has refused to concede. Secretary of State Sam Reed, a Republican, certified Gregoire as the winner of the closest governor's race in state history.



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ing leader might have had a hair transplant. My hair is growing wonderfully," Berlus-

coni said during his year-end press confer-ence. "I am very happy to have subjected myself to such pain

Berlusconi, 68, had cosmetic surgery around his eyes during the Christmas holi-days last year. He confirmed the operation about a month later, specifying that it had only been around his eyes

Gay marriage in Spain: Spain's Socialist government on Friday approved a bill to legalize same-sex marriages, putting this pre-dominantly Roman Catholic country on course to become only the third country to recognize gay marriages.

The bill was approved at a Cabinet meeting and is expected to be presented to Parliament in February for debate.

"The right to marry is a right for everyone, without distinction. It cannot be under-stood as a privilege," Deputy Prime Minis-ter Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega told a press conference after the Cabinet meet-

Under the hill homosevuals will be allowed to adopt children and couples of the same sex will be able to inherit from one another as well as receive retirement benefits from their working spouses in the same way in which heterosexual married couples do

Israeli barrier: A section of Israel's West Bank separation barrier will leave 17,000 Palestinians on the Israeli side, hampering their access to the West Bank settler and security officials said Thursday.

The barrier will encompass the Etzion settlement bloc in the southern West Bank, as originally planned — despite a Supreme Court ruling to move the route closer to the 'Green Line" 1949 border, said Shaul Goldstein, the Etzion bloc council head.

A senior security official said the Defense Ministry was in talks with the attorney general to try to reduce hardship to the Palestin-

Israel began building the obstacle to stop a wave of Palestinian suicide bombers who were infiltrating unhindered from the West

Russian school attack: Only 17 of 31 attackers who seized a school in southern Russia four months ago have been identified, Deputy Prosecutor General Nikolai Shepel said Thursday. He said that documents had been sent to

Interpol to help identify two of the attackers, "presumably coming from Middle East countries," the Interfax news agency report-

The Sept. 1-3 terrorist raid on a school in the town of Beslan ended in a hail of gunfire and explosions, killing more than 330 hostages, nearly half of them children

Uganda cease-fire deal: Ugandan officials and rebel commanders are negotiating the terms of a cease-fire deal that is expected to open the way to political talks on ending an 18-year civil war in which thousands have been killed and more than a million forced from their homes, the chief mediator said Thursday.

Government representatives and com-manders of the rebel Lord's Resistance Army are defining the duration of the proposed cease-fire and the area in northern Uganda that would be covered by the truce, Betty Bigombe said.

Afghan prisoners: Fifteen prisoners escaped from an Afghan jail, apparently with the help of several of their guards, police

said Thursday.

The group disappeared from a jail in Khost, a former stronghold of Taliban and al-Qaida militants near the Pakistani border but all those who escaped were criminals rather than "political prisoners," said police chief Mohammed Ayoub.

Three were quickly re-arrested, but the others were still at large Thursday.

Ukraine election: Ukraine's election commission rejected the entire appeal by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych against results showing he lost this week's repeat running, saving he had not proved there were any mass violations, a commission member

Yanukovvch now has the option of appealing to the Supreme Court.

The prime minister has refused to accept results showing a solid victory for West-ern-leaning opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko in Sunday's vote.

Stories and photos from wire services

## 25 insurgents killed in assault on U.S. post

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Insurgents tried to ram a truck with half a ton of explosives into a U.S. military post in the northern city of Mosul on Thursday, then ambushed reinforcements in a huge gunbattle in which 25 rebels and one American soldier were killed. Warplanes fired missiles and strafed gunmen during the fight.

The assault on the outpost, which U.S. soldiers finally repulsed, appeared to be better coordinated than past attacks, with guerrillas apparently pulling out their strongest assaults in an effort to derail Jan. 30 elections, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Paul Hastings said.

"The terrorists are growing more desperate in their attempts to derail the elections, and they're trying to put it all on the line and give it all they can," Hastings said.

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, has become a hotbed of insurgent has become a hotbed of insurgent months. A suicide bomber infiltrated a U.S. base near the city last week, detonating his explosives in a dining tent and killing 22 people, including 18 Americans. The radical Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed responsibility for the attack.

Wednesday's clashes began



An Iraqi boy looks out from the rubble of the building destroyed the day before in Mosul on Thursday. U.S. troops and warplanes killed at least 25 insurgents as they attacked an American outpost in northern Iraq with a car bomb and explosives. One American soldier died in the ambust.

when a truck approached the base and American troops opened fire. The truck, laden with 1,000 pounds of explosives, blew up just outside, Hastings said. Reinforcements came under fire by guerrillas using automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades and moving in squads of between 10 and 12. A heavily armored Stryker vehicle that had left the outpost moments before the truck bomb came across seven roadside bombs that had been laid out for its return, Hastings said. The bombs were detonated safely.

The Americans then called in strikes by F-18 and F-16 fighter jets, which launched three Maverick missiles and conducted several strafing runs against the insurgents. The result was 25 insurgents and one American soldier killed. Twenty Americans were wounded, but 17 returned to duty within hours.

Insurgents have shown an increasing sophistication in their attacks. In Baghdad on Wednesday, guerrillas used an anonymous tip to lure Iraqi police and national guards to a house in a staunchly Baathist neighborhood. They then set off a massive explosion in the house, killing 22 civilians and seven officers.

The latest clash in Mosul came as U.S. troops launched a new offensive in an area south of the capital dubbed the "triangle of death," in an apparent effort to secure the region ahead of the crucial parliamentary election on Jan 30

Brig. Gen. Jeffery Hammond, assistant commander of the 1st Cavalry Division that controls Baghdad, said Wednesday that U.S. troops were focusing on areas around Mahmoudiya, a town about 25 miles south of the capital

## Army tries to repair marriages

BY KIMBERLY HEFLING
The Associated Press

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — When Sgt. Jose Bermudez returned from Iraq early this year, he came home to a new baby and a troubled marriage.

"We were on the brink of divorce," Mandy Bermudez acknowledged as the couple ate lunch recently with their three children, all under age 3.

The Bermudezes were among 300 couples with the Fort Campbell-based 101st Airborne Division who have attended "marriage enrichment" seminars put on by the Army in hopes of saving war-ravaged relationships.

With studies showing divorce rates as high as about 20 percent over two years among couples where one spouse has been sent off to war, the Army is spending \$2 million on a variety of marriage programs, including vouchers for romantic getaways to places like the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Fenn.

"I've been in the Army 20 years, and I've never seen the Army pay for programs like this," said Lt. Col. Chester Egert, chaplain for the 101st.

One program being implemented Armywide teaches couples forgiveness and the skills to communicate. It includes a 40-hour course with lessons on the dan-

#### Marriages hurt in times of war

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Marital status of the military, 2002



\* Includes annulled, wildowed and unknow Sources: Military Family Resource Center

gers of alcohol and tobacco and how to recognize post-traumatic stress. Soldiers who complete it are rewarded with promotion points and a weekend retreat

with their spouse.
"If you learn those skills, you can make an impact on the number of divorces, and the number, we think, of reports of physical violence," said Col. Glen Bloomstrom, director of ministry initiatives for the Chief of Chaplains.

To make the program more desirable, commanders are encouraged to give their soldiers time off to attend. Baby-sitting is often

"What we're trying to do is change the culture, that it's OK to work on your marriage and take some time, and invest in your lifelong relationship — especially now when we're asking so much of your military spouses," Bloomstrom said.

Percentage of married active duty by service branch



widowed and unknown

Jose Bermudez said it seems as if everyone he knows at Fort Campbell is either getting a divorce or contemplating one. Many couples want to get things decided because the division has been alerted it could return to

Iraq as early as mid-2005.

At Fort Campbell and elsewhere, many couples got married right before one spouse left for Iraq, Others, like the Bermudezes, have been married longer but still have spent little time togeth-

er.
Mandy Bermudez said part of
the problem with their marriage
was that he had trouble adjusting
to the routine she had established
for herself while he was in Iraq.

She said the two joined a church, and "it turned our marriage around." He and his wife decided to stay together.

"It's worth it to try and work it out." Jose Bermudez said.

### U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, at least 1,325 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,041 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

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tary civilians.

The AP count is one lower than the Defense Department's tally; it's not unusual for the figures to differ slightly from day to day.

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19, Paland, 16; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,187 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 932 deaths resulting from

hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by

the military:

A servicemember died
Tuesday in a nonhostile incident in Iraq's Anbar province.

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The latest identifications reported by the Defense Depart-

ment:
■ Navy Seaman Pablito Pena
Briones Jr., 22, Anaheim, Calif.;
died Tuesday of a non-hostile
gunshot wound in Fallujah,
Iraq; assigned to 1st Marine Division Detachment, Naval Medi-

cal Center San Diego.

■ Army Spc. Jose A. Rivera-Serrano, 26, Mayaquez, Puerto Rico; killed Monday by an explosive in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood,

Marine Staff Sgt. Jason A.
Lehto, 31, Mount Clemens,
Mich.; died Tuesday in a non-hostile incident in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to Marine Forces
Reserves Marine Wing Support
Group 47, 4th Marine Aircraft
Wing, Mount Clemens, Mich.

#### Militants warn voters

BAGHDAD — Three Iraqi militant groups issued a joint statement Thursday warning Iraqis not to take part in the upcoming elections and condemning democracy as "un-Islamic."

The statement, posted on the

Web site of the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, told Iraqis not to be part of "the farce of democracy and elec-

The statement, signed by Ansar

al-Sunnah Army, the Islamic Army in Iraq and the Mujahe deen Army, said that democracy could lead to passing un-Islamic laws, such as permitting homosexual marriage, if the majority agrees to it. On Wednesday, the Ansar

On Wednesday, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army issued a statement warning that it will target all those who take part in the elections. The group described polling stations as "centers of atheism."

From The Associated Press

## **National Guard: Jacks of all trades in Iraq**

### Many Guard soldiers' tasks are far cry from their civilian jobs

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Strines

TAJI, Iraq - Spc. Gary Trabuscio lies prone on the M88 recovery vehicle, tinkering with the engine of the monstrous tracked ma-

In the National Guard, the 24-year-old is a vehicle mechanic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry. At home in Staten Island, Trabuscio is a cop with the New York Police Department's school safety division What do those jobs have in com-

"Nothing at all," he says with a

langh Back home, Spc. Paul Dwyer, a

25-year-old from Lynbrook, N.Y., scans documents into computers for a law firm. In Iraq, he's also a mechanic with the 1st of the 69th "That's why I joined the Guard,

to learn how to work on all kinds of vehicles," Dwyer says.

As the third wave of U.S. troops arrives in Iraq, their numbers in-clude more National Guard and Reserve units than ever. And for the citizen-soldiers, their civilian iobs may have something, or nothing, to do with their military spe-

Consider, for example, these soldiers and their tasks: Spc. Joshua Suire. 22. Crowlev. La.. mortar platoon; student. Sgt. Shelley Landry, 29, Lafayette, La., general's staff; occupational health tester. Staff Sgt. Robert Burns, 36, New Iberia, La., infantry; sheriff's deputy. Pfc. Ronald Boudreaux, 20, Gramercy, La., artillery; construction

National Guard units have always been activated for a variety of tasks. Since 1969, for example the 1st of the 69th from New York City has been called up for a postal strike, a state prison guard strike, in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, at-

tacks, and now service in

Iraq. The 256th Brigade Combat Team a National Guard unit from Louisiana, activated during the last war with Iraq but did not deploy. time, they were activated, sent to Fort and the Texas

National Train

ing Center in California, and now operate in an area north and west of Baghdad, falling under com-

mand of the 1st Cavalry Division. National Guard units currently make up nearly 40 percent of the 150,000 U.S. troops in and around Iraq, officials say. An additional 8,000 are in Afghanistan, according to the head of the National Guard Bureau

There have



Above: Spc. Paul Dower, right, and Spc. Gary Trabuscio, from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry, work on an M88 recovery vehicle dubbed "The Deacon" in Taji, Iraq. Neither Dower or Trabuscio are mechanics in the civilian world, but both have that military specialty in the National Guard. Right: Sgt. Joseph Shanks, 25, of Baker, La., is a Humvee gun

the 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, a National Guard unit. Back home, he works for the Georgia Pacific paper company.

Guard soldiers activated in the United States or overseas at any given time since the Sept. 11 2001 terror attacks officials said On Wednesday, the Pentagon said the total number of Army National Guard and Army Reserve on active duty is 159,972.

Sgt. Javish Rosa, 25, New York City, infantry; previous ac-tive-duty Army. Cpl. Lou Olander, 21, New York, N.Y., medic; residential building doorman. Staff

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the 150,000 U.S.

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Sgt. Feliberto Rivery, 47, Bronx, N.Y., infantry; school mainte-National Guard worker. nance Wayne Søt units currently Rabinowitz, 57, New York, N.Y., make up nearly unit clerk. full-time Nation-

al Guard Back home on Long Island It Col. Geoff Slack runs a third-generation tree-trimming business. as he calls it.

officials say. More technically, he jokes, he can be called an ar-

In Iraq, he commands the 1st of the 69th, and goes into the field so often that he has two personal security teams which work on shifts. Slack has quickly gained a reputation among his soldiers as a driven man who expects a lot from his men, but who gives the same in return. Some who haven't known him for long thought he was a cop or firefighter in his civilian life.

One of the great things about the Guard, Slack says, is how long many of the soldiers in the unit have known one another. He's known some of his soldiers and their families for nearly two decades But that closeness can have a downside.

The Fighting 69th, a nickname the battalion earned in the Civil War, has suffered three deaths since arriving in Iraq. Another six soldiers have been wounded so badly they will not return to service

"It hits you hard. Very hard," Slack says. "When we get back to New York, I need to be able to look those families in the eye and tell them their loss meant some-

Sgt. Donald Pinkston, 34, Greenwood, Miss., infantry; State Department Diplomatic Security Service. Sgt. Luis Villegas, 23, New York, N.Y., infantry; college stu-dent. Capt. Martin Ortiz, 45, Los Angeles, Calif., medic; pediatri-cian. Spc. Jason Garcia, 24, New York, N.Y., legal clerk/public af fairs; hip-hop music industry.

Sgt. Brad Domingue, a 26-year-old from Carencro, La., serves as a medic with the 2nd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment. For the past six years, he has worked as an emergency medical technician on an ambulance crew.

His military job dovetails per-fectly with his civilian occupasometimes in surprising ways. A few weeks back, during a raid on a compound near Bagh-



dad, Domingue was working with troops keeping security around the target

As U.S. troops tried to over-come language barriers and allow some local traffic to pass through the area. Domingue's medical training came into play. He checked the medication and heart-monitor readout of one man in the car, determining that he had a serious medical condition and was on the way to the hospital. The car was allowed through; its occupants profusely thanked the soldiers

When he gets back home from Iraq, Domingue said, he's thinking of starting his own private ambulance company with one of his former co-workers Spc. Darrick Jefferson, 25,

Boyce, La., water purification; security guard. Master Sgt. Rudy Brown, 56, New Orleans, logis tics: state food services adviser. Sgt. Chris Blanchard, 24, Broussard, La., supply; wireless phone sales. Sgt. 1st Class Mary Magee, 37, Alexandria, La., personnel services noncommissioned officer: full-time National Guard.

Maj. Lee Wright, 41, of Crowley, La., serves as the 256th Brigade's information operations officer. As he describes it his job is to synchronize and coordinate the messages of the psychological operations, public affairs and civil affairs teams

"It's kind of like being an orchestra conductor," he says.

In his civilian life, Wright is a food chemist for a company that produces additive blends for sports nutrition products and other consumables. His job has come into play in Iraq in a few surprising ways Within the 256th's area of oper-

ations. he said, is a pharmaceutical plant the locals are trying to get working again. Back home, Wright was doing re-Wright was doing search-and-development work with the type of equipment being used at the plant in Iraq. His expe rience also helps in the largely ag-ricultural area where the brigade is operating.

"In our business back home, we have extensive interactions with the rice, wheat and corn industries, from the basic level through processing," Wright said. 'This being a predominantly agricultural area, I've already started using those contacts to help with that

## MILITARY UPDATE Tom Philpott

## Language trumps intent

#### Some disabled reservists still won't benefit from '05 NDAA

en legislative language misfires, Congress can intend one thing and do another That seems to have occurred last October with passage of the 2005 National Defense Authorization Act.

The NDAA adopts a fairer formula for calculating disability retirement for activated National Guard and

Reserve personnel. However, the initiative to benefit mobilized reservists, at least for now, is written in a way that helps far fewer members than lawmakers hoped. In fact, it leaves behind most Guard and Reserve members who

have been seriously wounded in war.

National Guard and Reserve personnel injured while on active duty, and awarded disability retirement on or after Oct. 28, 2004, will have their pay cal-culated using a more generous formula. The change was proposed by Defense officials after

seeing a disturbing disparity in disability retirement between active-duty members and activated reservists injured in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The problem is linked to the "High-3" retirement formula that applies to any member who entered service on or after Sept. 8, 1980. Those who joined earlier, and who serve 20 years, see their annuity based on a percentage of "final" basic pay. Retirees under High-3 see annuities based on a percentage of average basic pay over their highest three earning years. usually their last three years of active service

But three years' active service for a mobilized Guard and Reserve member, to calculate disability retirement, can mean going back to period of service when basic pay was set far below current pay levels

This can sharply lower the value of disability retirement compared to active-duty colleagues. Indeed, older, more experienced reservists wounded in Iraq can receive disability pay only half the size of that pro-vided to injured active-duty peers.

With the NDAA, Congress stepped in to require that disability retirements be computed for High-3 Guard or Reserve members as though they had served their last three years on active duty. But the law wasn't writ-ten, officials discovered, so it could be applied retroactively to reserve members injured since the war on terrorism began Sept. 11. 2001.

Knowing that was the intent, Defense lawyers ar Knowing mat was the intent, Detense lawyers and policymakers reviewed the language carefully over the last two months. They found no way to interpret it more broadly. In late December, official issued guid-ance to military finance centers to apply the more favorable High-3 formula only to disability retirements to enoting the Communication of the communication of the processor of the communication of the communication of the processor of the communication of the communication of the communication of the the communication of the processor of the communication of on or after Oct. 28, when the law was signed.

It's too early to assure disabled reservists that the new Congress will vote to move the effective date back to 9/11. But it clearly is out of sync as written with another 2005 NDAA change, this one directing that the more favorable High-3 formula be used to recalculate survivor benefit to families of reservists who died on active after September 10, 2001. The SBP change helps only a small number of survi-

vors. Most elect to forfeit SBP anyway to accept tax-free Dependency and Indemnity Compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. It will make a difference to families with small children who have lost reservists on active duty on or after Nov. 24, 2003. To comment, write Military Update, P.O. Box 231111, Centre ville, VA 20120-1111, e-mail milupdate@aol.com or visit

#### Crew Chief for a Day program



Staff Sgt. Gerald Gootee, right, a crew chief for the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, shows Col. Derrick A. Hoxie III, from the 552nd Air Control Wing, how to confirm to the pilot that the flight controls are working properly during an A-10 preflight check at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The demonstration was part of the squadron's Crew Chief for a Day program, which offers de-ployed airmen of all Air Force career fields the opportunity to see what it is like to work on fighter lets.

#### DOD budget cut plan

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon plans to retire one of the Navy's 12 aircraft carriers and buy fewer amphibious landing ships for the Marine Corps as part of \$60 billion in proposed cuts over the next six years, congressional and military officials told The New York Times on Wednesday.

The proposed cuts would, for the first time since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, slow the growth in Pentagon spending, which has risen 41 percent in that period, to about \$420 billion this year.

Under the proposal, the Navy would retire the carrier John F Kennedy next year.

In addition, development of the Army's \$120 billion Future Combat System, designed to link soldiers by computer with remotely piloted aircraft and combat vehicles, would be delayed.

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## Military dominates talk in election year

BY PATRICK DICKSON AND LISA BURGESS

Stars and Strings

WASHINGTON - The presidential election dominated the front pages around the world in 2004, but it was the military that drove much of the conversation surrounding the campaign.

Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry presented himself as a viable commander in chief by focusing on his experiences in the Vietnam War

Debate over his war record quickly became the dominant topic in the campaign, with the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, a Texas-based Political Action Committee flooding the airwayes with counterclaims as to Kerry's exploits.

President George Bush already had en-

dured similar criticism, coming from filmmaker Michael Moore, who questioned the president's service in the Alabama National Guard with his film "Fahrenheit 9/11

Although at times Washington's favorite sport appeared to be forming pools on Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's resignation date, Rumsfeld remains

He was criticized for the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, what were widely perceived as inadequacies in postwar planning and his response to a question from a soldier in Kuwait in December about why his men were scrounging to armor trucks bound for Iraq. Yet Rumsfeld staved, while many other figures in the Bush Cabinet moved on after the elections.

The service chiefs were less bulletproof. Army jaws dropped last year when Rumsfeld suggested that Air Force Secretary James Roche should replace Thomas White as Army secretary, after White resigned in May 2003.

Roche was a former Naval officer with no Army experience. But his nomination stalled in the Senate Armed Services Committee, primarily because of Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who criticized a \$21 billion air tanker leasing arrangement Roche supported.

Roche withdrew his name from consideration on Nov. 16, and the Senate quietly confirmed defense industry executive Francis J. Harvey as the new secretary of

Meanwhile, Navy Secretary Gordon England was mum on whether he intends to remain for a second Bush term.

But the war in Iraq was never far from the headlines, with death tolls in Iraq tonping 1,326 U.S. personnel by the end of the vear, according to statistics compiled by the Pentagon. In 2004 alone, 842 service members were killed, and thousands were injured, especially by improvised explosive devices and mortars.

Congress and other critics grilled the Pentagon about why more armored vehicles and personal protective gear had not been sent to the region.

In Afghanistan, another 50 U.S. servicemembers died in 2004, bringing the total in that war to 151 since it began in October

And though the Bush administration last year envisioned smaller troop numbers in Iraq by this time, the number is ramping up in preparation for January elections.

The success or failure of those elections will shape much of what happens to the military in 2005.

## DOD year in review

#### January

Jan. 8: In Iraq, a U.S. Black Hawk helicop ter crashes in Nuaymiya, near Fallujah, killing nine soldiers

Jan. 9: U.S. Defense Department gives Saddam Hussein prisoner-of-war status, al-lowing the former Iraqi dictator access to Rad Cross parennal

Jan. 11: Former Treasury secretary Paul O'Neill tells "60 Minutes" that the Bush ad ministration had been planning an attack against Iraq since the first days of the presidency

Jan. 20: President Bush delivers his State of the Union address defending the war in Iraq, tax cuts and highlighting the urgency to

#### February

Fah 2: The Bush administration releases its \$2.4 trillion budget proposal for fiscal 2005 that would boost military funding by 7.1

Feb. 12: Two former employees of Iraq contractor Halliburton say the company "routinely overcharged" the U.S. military.

Feb. 23: Army officials announce they will kill the \$38 billion Comanche helicopter pro-

Eah 20: Under U.S. pressure Heit's pres ident, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, resigns and goes into exile, U.S. Marines begin to arriving in the country to help keep the peace.

#### March

March 18: NATO deploys an additional 1,000 peacekeepers to Kosovo to help the 18.000 already there, as violence threate

March 20: Dozens die in clashes betw Serbs and athnic Albanians in Knerwo March 29: The North Atlantic Treaty Orna

nization formally admits seven new coun-tries: Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Ronania, Slovakia, and Slovenia. March 31: Four LLS civilian contract work

ers are shot, mutilated, and then dragged through the streets of Fallujah, Iraq, and their remains hung from a bridge.

#### Anril

April 5: U.S. troops raid Fallujah in re sponse to the killing and mutilation of the four

April 11: IIS commanders order a Iraqi Governing Council resign in protest of

April 14: In an audiotape broadcast, a man believed to be Osama bin Laden says his al-Qaida organization will declare a truce with nations that withdraw troops from Mus-

April 19: U.S. officials say they will end the fensive in Fallujah if insurgents agree to surrender their weapons. April 22: Army Spc. Pat Tillman, who left

the National Football League to fight along-side his brother in the Army Rangers, is killed in Afghanistan. The Army says Tillman was killed by the enemy in a prolonged fire-

April 30: CBS's "60 Minutes II" broadcasts graphic photos, taken in late 2003, of Ame can soldiers grinning as they abuse Iraqis in the Abu Ghraib prison.

April 30: U.S. Marines transfer security of Fallujah to Iraqis led by Jasim Muhami Saleh, a former general and member of Sad



Veterans and other visitors to Washington flocked to the National

World War II Memorial in the days before its dedication on May 29. dam Hussein's Republican Guard

#### May

May 4: Defense Department officials announce 135,000 U.S. soldiers will remain in Iraq through 2005, even though an earlie nian said that number would be reduced to 115,000 by the end of May 2004.

May 5: Bush appears on Arab television to call abuse and deaths of Iraqi prisoners abhorrent." Bush criticizes Defense Secre tary Donald Rumsfeld for not informing him about the photos earlier

May 19: In the first court-martial in the pris oner abuse scandal in Iraq. Spc. Jeremy Sivits pleads quilty to several charges.

May 20: LLS troops and Irania configuate computers and ransack headquarters of Ahmad Chalabi, a member of the Iraqi Goveming Council who had been receiving a monthly stipend from the U.S. government.

May 26: The Islamic government and Sudan People's Liberation Army agree to end civil war that has lasted more than 20 years and claimed about 2 million neonle but fighting continues in the western Darfu region between Arab militias and black Afri-

May 28: Iyad Allawi, former exile and ember of the Iraqi Governing Council, is chosen as Irag's interim prime minister

May 29: The new National World War II al is dedicated in Washington, w most 10,000 veterans of that war in atten-

May 30: The Washington Post cites an

ion report that says Spc. Pat Tillman was killed by friendly fire

#### June

June 1: U.N. peacekeepers arrive in Haiti to begin taking over for the Marine-led multi-June 2: The Army announces that troops

heading for service in Irag and Afghanistan ended tours. ce extended tours. June 7: Pentagon o

plans to withdraw about 12,500 U.S. troops from South Korea. June 23: Bush administration offers fuel

oil and a "provisional security guarantee" to North Korea if it agrees to disclose details of its weapons program, allow inspections, and begin to dismantle its nuclear program. June 24: North Korea threatens to test a

June 27: Iraqi "Islamic Reaction" group threatens to behead Marine Cpl. Wassef Ali Hassoun, an American of Lebanese de scent, unless the U.S. releases all Iraqi p oners. Hassoun later turns up in his native June 29: Pentagon officials announce the callum of 5 600 Inactive Ready Recense call diers for service in Iran and Afghanistan

#### July

July 1: Saddam Hussein ap-pears in Iraq court for the first time to be arraigned on chargof crimes against humani-

July 22: The U.S. Army in-spector general contradicts the findings of Army Mai. Gen. Anto nio Taguba, says roque systemic

problems, caused prisoner abuse at Abu Gh-

#### August

Aug. 5: Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr orders an uprising against coalition troops. Vio-lence flares in Najaf and Baghdad; hundreds of Iranis are killed Aug. 16: Bush announces that the Penta gon will withdraw 60,000 to 70,000 troops

from Europe and Asia over the next 10 Aug. 26: Al-Sadr agrees to deal brokered by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani to end the

siege of Najaf and Kufa

#### September

Sept. 7: The American death toll in Iraq es 1 000 troons

Sept. 29: Judges in Yemen sentence Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri and Jamal al-Badawi to death for plotting the 2000 attack on the American destroyer USS Cole.

#### October

Oct. 1-3: In a battle that later will be held up as a model for the fight for Fallujah, more than 5,000 U.S. soldiers, assisted by newly trained Irani troops take over Samarra from

Oct 9: Afghanistan holds elections De spite allegations of fraud by some of the 17 other candidates on the ballot, Hamid Karzai is declared the winner Nov. 3.

Oct. 24: Fifty new graduates of a coalition-sponsored Iraqi Army training course are executed en masse by insurgents loyal to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Oct. 25: The New York Times reports that about 380 tons of explosives disappeared from Iraq's al-Qaqaa military installation sometime after the U.S.-led war began in

#### November

Nov. 8: LLS, forces initiate an all-out as sault on Fallujah, which had been under the control of insurgents since May.

Nov. 16: Bush nominates his national se-curity adviser, Condoleezza Rice, as secretary of state. Rice's deputy. Stephen Hadley is named to succeed Rice.

Nov. 30: The New York Times reports that International Committee of the Red Cross found military personal used tech-niques on prisoners held at the Guantanamo prison in Cuba "tantamount to torture."

Nov. 30: Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announces his resignation.

#### December

Dec. 8: A soldier in Kuwait asks Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld why his unit's Humvees and other transport trucks aren't equipped with protective armor, prompting question from Congress and the media about why, after two years of war, only 75 percent of all transport vehicles in the Middle

Dec. 21: Twenty-two people, including 14 U.S. troops, are killed and 69 personnel wounded in an attack on a dining facility at a U.S. base in Mosul.

Dec. 21: Cpl. Hassoun begins his Article 32 pretrial investigation at Camp Leieune N.C. Hassoun is charged with desertion after he disappeared from his unit in Iraq and later claimed to be kidnapped.

Dec. 27: Pacific Command dispa ships, aircraft and 3,700 troops to aid in di-saster relief efforts for victims of the earth-quake and tsunami catastrophe in the Indian

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Sources: www.infoplease.com; Stars and Stripes news stories.

Army Spc. Lynndie England, of the 372nd Military Police Company, became the face of the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq.

### IN THE WORLD

## WHO: Up to 5M lacking survival basics

## Death toll tops 117,000 in Asia; survivors fight disease, crocodiles

By CHRIS BRUMMITT The Associated Pres-

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia -Up to 5 million people around the tsunami-struck Indian Ocean region do not have access to the ba-sics they need to stay alive clean water, shelter, food, sanitation and health care, the U.N. World Health Organization said. saying it needed \$40 million dollars to get those supplies to vic-

The death toll from last weekend's earthquake-tsunami catastrophe rose to more than 117,000 Thursday as Indonesia uncovered more and more dead from rayaged Sumatra island, where pilots dropped food to remote villages still unreachable by rescue workers. A false alarm that new killer waves were about to hit sparked panic in India, Sri Lanka and Thailand

The increase in the death toll came after Indonesia reported nearly 28,000 newly confirmed dead in Sumatra, which was closest to the earthquake's epicenter and was overwhelmed by the tsunami that followed. Some 60 percent of Banda Aceh, the main city in northern Sumatra, was destroyed, the U.N. children's agen-cy estimated, and 115 miles of the island's northwest coast with villages - was inundated.

Another zone where officials have hardly begun to get a sense of the human cost was India's remote Andaman and Nicobar islands, just northwest of Sumatra, where entire villages were wiped out. The region's administrator said Thursday that 10,000 people were missing.
Survivors who reached the ar-

chipelago's main city, Port Blair, said they had not eaten for two days and people had to contend with hungry crocodiles that were washed ashore. "Two or three crocodiles started coming toward us," said Sister Charity, a 32-year-old nun, decribing her rescue from a small island by the navy, "The navy officers had to

the crocodiles governments

International have so far donated some \$500 million for victims of the disaster U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said.

Indonesia, with around 80,000 dead, was the worst hit, followed by Sri Lanka with 27,200, India with more than 7,300 and Thai-land at 2,400. The total across 11 nations in southern Asia and East Africa was likely to rise, thousands still missing and fears that disease could bring a new wave of deaths.

Tens of thousands of residents fled coasts in India, Sri Lanka and Thailand after warnings that a new tsunami was about to strike after new aftershocks hit the Indian Ocean Thursday.

India issued a tsunami warning at midday, but then hours later its minister, Kapil Sibal, went on television to announce the warning was incorrect and based on information received from a U.S. research firm. Several aftershocks were re-

corded in the Indian Ocean, but experts said they were not strong enough to spark a tsunami

Meanwhile, military ships and planes rushed to get desperately needed aid to Sumatra's rayaged

Food drops began along the coast, mostly of instant noodles and medicines, with some of the areas "hard to reach because they are surrounded by cliffs," said Budi Aditutro, head of the government's relief team.

Government institutions in Aceh province, on Sumatra's northern tip, have ceased to function and basic supplies such as fuel have almost run out.

But even as hope for the missing dwindled, survivors continued to turn up.

In Sri Lanka, a lone fisherman named Sini Mohammed Sar-fudeen was rescued Wednesday by an air force helicopter crew after clinging to his wave-tossed hoat for three days



Refugees line up at a makeshift camp at St. Michael's College in the eastern coastal town of Batticaloa, Sri Lanka, on Thursday to receive food rations after their fishing village was destroyed by a tsunami.



Silvarani, a tsunami victim, cries after seeing her damaged house Thursday at a fishermen's colony at Nagappattinam, in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

### Magnitude makes death toll hard to tabulate

The Associated Press

CUDDALORE. India Armies of officials are tabulating the deaths caused by the tsunami that struck a dozen countries in Asia and Africa last weekend. The grim task is often imprecise.

There is meticulous record keeping in many areas of India, but bulldozers push bodies into mass graves in other places in Asia, forcing officials to make

"You are dealing with a lot of imperfections," said Steve Hollingworth, director of India's branch of the international aid group CARE. "People are dealing with a chaotic situation."

So far, the death toll across 11 nations has exceeded 117,000.

In India, a network of bureau cratic foot soldiers - local health, police and revenue offiare recording every death in five-column registers resembling school notebooks: one column each for the victim's name, age, parents' names, address and two identification marks. A photograph is taken of

A motorist covers his nose to avoid the stench of a corpse Thursday in Banda Aceh. Aceh province, Indonesia.

lice, the National Disaster Management Center and government ministers give different death

When asked whether the government could coordinate efforts to come up with one figure, the center's director, Nimal Hetti archchi, snapped, "Sorry, don't

swamped by the vast numbers admit they have been forced to make crude estimates, such as by taking the number of bodies in one mass grave and multiplying it by the number of graves. In other cases, they estimate the population of a village, count the

survivors and assume the rest have been killed. 'At first, we counted the bodies during the evacuation, but later, when we found there were too many others, then we be-came confused," said Irman

Rachman, a volunteer with the Indonesian Red Cross. Therefore, we only based our estimation on the number of corpses buried in the mass graves one for about 400 corpses

On Wednesday, officials in Indonesia's Aceh province bull-dozed hundreds of bodies into

No photos were taken, and no details were recorded.

"We have to do this because of the smell and the health concern. We're facing a major health hazard if we leave them lying around," acting Aceh Gov. Azwar Abu Bakar said. "We have no refrigerators to keep these bodies."

#### Sri Lanka follows a similar pro Swedish child's father found

PHUKET, Thailand - A Swedish toddler was reunited with his father Wednesday, days after being found alone in the aftermath of the deadly tsunami that swept Asia.

Hannes Bergstroem was found after the waves subsided Sunday and taken to a hospital on this resort island for treatment. His photo was posted on the Internet on Monday.

The two-vear-old's uncle saw the photo and

claimed the boy Tuesday. On Wednesday, the child was reunited with his father, Marko Karkkainen, at a hospital on the southern Thai island of Phuket, where both father and son were receiving treatment. Hannes, his face scratched and pocked with mos-quito bites, looked puzzled as his father choked up

Despite the joy of seeing one another again, the lay was tinged with sadness and anxiety. Suzanne

Bergstroem, the boy's mother, is still among some 5,000 people missing in Thailand.

From The Associated Press

## Powell vows to help tsunami victims in Asia

## Bush pledges long-term aid

BY ANNE GEARAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Colin Powell, extending "sympathy and condolences" in a visit Thursday to the Embassy of Thailand, vowed that the Bush administration will follow through on commitments that it has made to help the victims of the Asian and African tsunamis.

"You can be sure that the president is determined to do what is necessary to deal with this challenge," he told reporters at the Thai embassy. "We're working very closely with the international community."

Powell was making a round of visits to the embassies of nations ravaged by the disaster as Rep. Henry J. Hyde, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, said that he was drafting legislation to assist victims and planned to introduce it early next year.

"The infrastructure of daily life is simply gone," said Hyde, R-Ill. A congressional delegation headed by Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, a former U.S. foreign service officer, is scheduled to visit Thailand and Sri Lanka next

During his visit to the Thai embassy, Powell spoke anew of the death and destruction spawned by the Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunamis. He told reporters that in the last 24 hours, half-dozen planes from the U.S. Agency for International Development have landed or are en route to nations affected by the tsuna-

Powell also alluded to the



In the Wilmington area of Los Angeles, Operation USA warehouse coordinator Tony Shannon on Wednesday prepares a shipment of medical supplies that will be sent to tsunami-ravaged Sri Lanka.

roughly \$35 million in emergency aid already committed as "just a beginning.

"It's going to take a lot more." he said. "This is the time to make sure that we get a good needs as-sessment." The death toll there has reached more than 117,000.

On Wednesday, Andrew Natsios, head of the development agency, told reporters: "Our efforts are focused, with the rest of the international community, on water and sanitation, because that is the greatest risk to people's

Water and sewage systems were inundated by the enormous surge of water that hit coastal areas of 11 countries on Sunday following an earthquake deep in the Indian Ocean. Debris and corpses are also a health hazard

President Bush assembled a four-nation coalition to organize humanitarian relief, and prom-ised that the United States would help bankroll long-term rebuild-

"It's just beyond our comprehension to think about how many lives have been lost." Bush said after emerging from a holiday vacation at his Texas ranch to make his first comments on the disas-

Marc Grossman, undersecre-tary of state, will lead a U.S. task force to coordinate the American response and urge other nations to assist in relief efforts. He participated in a 40-minute conference call Wednesday night with senior Japanese, Australian and Indian officials

State Department spokesman

Noel Clay said they agreed to try to avoid duplicating efforts, by each other and the United Nations, to help the victims.

From airlifts of rice and water purifiers to the deployment of Ma-rine humanitarian assistance teams and warships, the United marshaled resources States marsnaled resources across the globe to augment its initial \$35 million aid package and make sure the hardest hit locations got the short-term help they requested

Bush said he phoned the leaders of stricken countries to solicit specific needs and assure them the initial aid package "is only the beginning of our help." He also foundation for a long-term international recovery plan by forming the coalition with Japan, Australia and India and inviting other nations to join

For a full list of U.S. aid agencies, visit www.stripes.com/ relief.html

#### Accepting donations

The following aid agencies are accept-ing contributions for assistance that they or their affiliates are providing for those affected by the earthquake and tidal waves in Asia. U.S. organizations are members of interAction, a coalition

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## U.S. to aid Asia from Thai base

BY MIKE CORDER The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand - A Thai air base that accommodated U.S. bomber planes during the Vietnam War is being used by the American military again as the hub of its tsunami relief effort in the Indian Ocean

U.S. officials said Thursday that transport planes and personnel already are flying into and out of Utapao, about 90 miles south of Bangkok. A U.S. embassy spokesman said P-3

Orion surveillance planes were already flying search and rescue missions over Thailand and the first supply planes arrived in Thailand overnight. The Pentagon has said C-130 cargo

planes would haul relief supplies to Thailand from Yokota Air Base in Japan. They will also be used to ferry supplies, people "whatever's needed" - from Utapao to affected areas, the embassy spokesman said in a telephone interview.



BENNIE J. DAVIS III/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Staff Sgt. Gilbert Deleon, right, of the 613th Security Forces Squadron, 613th Contingency Response Group from Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, looks out over the Andersen flightline Tuesday while boarding a KC-135 headed for Utapao, Thailand, with a 52-member team in support of the relief efforts in southern Asia.

In coming days, the crews could begin making airdrops of emergency water sup-"There's going to be planes and people

zipping off all over the place," he said. Utapao is well known to pilots of the Vietnam War, when it served as a base for U.S. B52 bombers.

A military forensic team also was due to arrive to help in the huge task of identifying the dead. Some 80,000 people are feared dead and millions are homeless in nearly a dozen countries after last week-end's devastating earthquake and tsuna-

The military also dispatched ships from an aircraft battle group to help with the re-lief effort. The USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group, which was in Hong Kong, was diverted to the Gulf of Thai-

## New Year's a time to honor victims

SINGAPORE - New Year celebrations across Southeast Asia will be turned into remembrance services for those killed or affected by the quake and tsunamis, with some

events canceled outright.

Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah
Ahmad Badawi ordered all government-level celebrations to be canceled and substituted with prayer ceremonies, urging the private sector to do likewise.

So far, organizers have scrapped New Year's Eve countdown parties and concerts typically held at landmarks such as the Petronas Twin Towers.

In Hong Kong, the Tourism Commission canceled fireworks displays scheduled for New Year's Eve. New Year's Day and Jan. 2 out of respect for the disaster victims.

Singapore's main arts center said its New Year's Eve performance would now be a remembrance service for the hundreds of thousands killed by the waves spawned by the magnitude 9.0 quake in the seabed off Sumatra's western coast.

A minute's silence will be held at midnight instead of the traditional raucous countdown in the final seconds of the year, and donations will be collected from the audience for Red Cross relief operations, the Esplanade-Theaters on the Bay said.





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#### Keep Jesus out of politics

There has been an ongoing debate on this page over whether Jesus was a liberal or conservative. This is a relevant subject considering that we're coming off an election in which conservative politicians effectively took advantage of so many people who believe in Christianity.

The Dec. 9 letter "Different view of Jesus" argued that Jesus supports retribution and pre-emptive war. There are some serious problems with this argument. For one, Jesus was an extreme pacifist. After he was nailed to a cross, crowned with thorns, beaten, whipped and publicly humiliated he asked God to "forgive them, for they know not what they do." Does that sound like someone who would support a destructive, pre-emptive war like the one in Iraq?

Furthermore, the writer tries to use the Ten Commandments as an example of how "Jesus is stern." Do the Ten Commandments not say "Thou shalt not kill"? It clear-

ly states that it is not OK to kill. Another point the writer makes is that conservatives are against slavery; he uses Abraham Lincoln as an example. While I do believe most conservatives today are against slavery, they endorse policies that hurt African-Americans and other minorities. Also, Lincoln was definitely not a conservative. In the 1860s, America's political narties were different than what they are today. The Republicans were the liberals and the Democrats the conservatives.

If religious conservatives, such as the let-

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ter writers who argue that Jesus is a Republican, make up a majority of my country, then I will gladly stay in the minority until another 3 percent of voters change their minds

> Sgt. Luis Ortiz Camp Spearhead, Kuwait

## Kuwait troops not on vacation

This letter goes out to the writer of "A complaint on complaining" (letter, Dec. 21), who is stationed in Iraq. The "vav cav" here

in Kuwait is going great, except for a couple of problems. The other day I had to wait about 20 minutes at Burger King for my two Whoppers. We can't swim in the pool until the heater gets installed. For about a month. the racquetball courts have been closed, due to a light problem. The post exchange has only 150 DVD titles in stock.

The point I'm trying to get across is that all of us deployed to in Kuwait didn't choose to come here. If you have a problem with us in Kuwait, take it up with the Pentagon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld or Presient Bush. It's not like there isn't anybody here who doesn't travel to Iraq. I give a lot of credit to the transportation units that travel to Iraq, risking their lives so troops up north have everything they need.
I'm a carpenter with the 448th Engineer

Battalion Combat Heavy, a Reserve battalion from Puerto Rico. I have a lot of friends in Iraq right now. If I could be up there with them, I would. It was the luck of the draw that I'm in Kuwait. I am away from my fami-ly, too. You think that people back in the States only think about troops in Iraq and Afghanistan? Everybody has family and friends who worry about them.

So the next time you want to say some-thing about us soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines in Kuwait, just remember that you volunteered for your second tour in Iraq. I pray for the safe return of my friends de-ployed in Iraq with the 980th Engineer Battalion, the 458th Engineer Battalion, and the 411th Engineer Battalion.

Spc. Adrian P. Stull Camp Arifian, Kuwait BY GARRY TRUDEAU

#### Doonesbury (Dec. 31 and Jan. 1)

















### Mallard Fillmore (Jan. 1; for Dec. 31 strip, see Page 11)

BY BRUCE TINSLEY





#### OPINION

## There's also power in how world responds

natural disaster on the staggering magnitude of the earthquake that struck beneath the Indian Ocean reminds us of our vulnerability, reminds us that the work of human beings, indeed our very existence, can be extinguished in an instant by the immense power of nature.

Humans build. Nature reclaims. It is a cycle as old as time; people enduring the crucibles of drought tornadoes hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes, fire.

Now the world watches in utter astonishment and horror at the destruction wrought on Sunday by the most powerful earthquake in decades and the resultant tsunami that exploded on the shores of several nations.

What began off the Indonesian island of Sumatra was felt thousands of miles away as water engulfed villages, tourist beaches and fishing boats across South and Southeast Asia. More than [76,000] people were killed, a number that is destined to grow as thousands of missing people are accounted for. Millions were left homeless in a ring of destruction from Indonesia to Somalia.

Earth's power could barely be comprehended as water traveled at speeds of up to 500 mph - akin to an aircraft hurtling in the sky - with people killed even thousands of miles from the quake's epicen-

It was as if an earthquake hit Los Angeles and killed New Yorkers

"The speed with which it all happened seemed like a scene from the Bible, a natural phenomenon unlike anything I had experienced," wrote The Washington Washington Post's Michael Dobbs, who was among those caught up in the catastrophe

Now, just as naturally as the earth shook, the people of the Earth will come to the aid of those who have been stricken. We come to accept that as an expected response to disaster. But revel in that for just a moment. For all its economic, political and philosophical tensions, this is still a world that responds to great tragedy with great and instant compassion.

The United States immediately committed \$15 million to relief efforts, the European Union pledged \$4 million with, no doubt, more to come as disaster assess ments are made. United Nations relief specialists called for helicopters, medical supplies, tents and portable sanitation facilities. The United States dispatched military aircraft to the effort.

There will, inevitably, be talk about why this vast region did not have a system to warn of such impending devastation. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Weather Service operates tsunami warning centers in Hawaii and Alaska. According to news reports, if the Indian Ocean had the type of system that was started in 1965 in the Pacific, thousands of lives might have



What's left of the main bus stand in Galle, Sri Lanka, is shown Tuesday. It was destroyed by massive waves caused by Sunday's magnitude 9.0 earthquake off Indonesia's coast.

been saved if alerts of the impending disaster had been received and coastal areas had been quickly evacuated. There were hours between the time the earthquake was recorded and the walls of water rolled into the coastal areas

Tsunami is a powerful word, a word often used in metaphors for great and uncontrollable forces in politics, sports and other venues

On Sunday, the world saw just how great and uncontrollable a tsunami is, not as a metaphor but as an event of nature. And in the days and weeks ahead we'll see another force, one perhaps more easily controlled, but powerful nonetheless: That's the force of human compassion. human drive, human will to rebuild.

### New faces adopted old phrases in Campaign 2004 By MARTIN SCHRAM

Scripps Howard

ooking back, 2004 was the sort of campaign year that could make you flip. Especially if you are a politi-

Take a close look at some key campaign slogans, arguments and policy fighting-word mantras - then compare them with their roots. You will find that the rationalizations dished by America's politicians and the political influencers have come full circle. Which may be one reason why liberals and conservatives sometimes looked ridiculous as they frantically chased their own tails

Just look at where the candidates, spin ners and influence-seekers wound up in their sloganeering on major issues of Campaign 2004 - and compare it with where those same arguments actually began.

Consider the emotional arguments about "states' rights." In 2004, "states' rights" was the rallying cry sounded mainly by liberals who were pushing their favorite solution for legal same-sex marriages

Their rationalization was that the question of whether to legally permit marriage of gay or lesbian couples is the sort of civil right that should be left to the 50 states to decide for themselves

Conservatives who were opposed to legalizing any homosexual marriages argued that this was a matter of national values that must be governed by one national policy that defines a marriage as only a union of male and female couples.

But in the 1950s and 1960s, cries of "states' rights" were played on the flip side It was the conservatives who made "states rights" their mantra, as they argued that it should be up to each state to decide whether to permit segregation of the races in public accommodations and schools. It was the liberals and moderates who championed the argument that civil rights was an inherent right that had to be imposed upon all states. Consider now the battles over deficit

spending. Liberals rallied round the argument that the federal budget deficits are aring, driving the national debt to record heights. And the Democratic team of John Kerry and John Edwards made it a stanle of their stump speeches to argue that it is unconscionable for the federal government to bequeath this vast debt to our children and grandchildren to repay

Conservatives made the case that these deficits are not to be feared, but are just a manageable byproduct of tax-cutting policies that are America's key to prosperity

But listen now to what the original conscience of the conservatives, the late Sen. Barry Goldwater, used to say about the deficit spending brought about by Democratic-controlled Congresses, especially Presi-dent Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" programs, championed by liberals. "With all the excuses Congress still manages to come un with in support of big spending, the nation is headed for financial disaster," the Arizona Republican wrote in "Goldwater," his autobiography "It's a damp disgrace The Congress has now put Americans about \$2.5 trillion in hock. That's more than \$10,000 for every man, woman and child."

Consider next the wailings of liberals who decried the way Christian evangelical clergymen such as Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell have injected themselves into American politics in pursuit of their conservative fundamentalist agenda, which includes the campaign to han all abortions

But then recall the crucial leadership roles played by clergymen such as Martin Luther King Jr., Andrew Young and, later, Jesse Jackson in forging the civil-rights movement that contributed so much to correcting wrong-headed laws that deprived so many Americans of their rights.

onsider the activist role of a number of Roman Catholic bishops in Campaign 2004. as they said they would not give communion to politicians who advocated policies the church opposed. There is evidence that their position may have had its desired effect

President Bush received 46 percent of the Catholic vote in 2000 against the Protestant Democrat Al Gore. But Bush did 2 percentage points better in 2004, winning 48 percent of the Catholic vote against his Catholic opponent, Kerry. The Massachusetts sena-tor said that, as a Catholic, he personally opposed abortion, but would not allow his religious views to affect his enforcement of U.S. laws and court decisions.

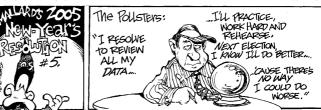
That was the position that U.S. Catholics overwhelmingly cheered - when it was first enunciated, not by Kerry, but by John F. Kennedy, in that historic speech in Houston before Protestant clergy on Sept. 12, 1960. He vowed that he would make decisions on issues including birth control "without regard to outside religious pressure or dictate. And no power or threat of punishment could cause me to decide otherwise

That forthright pledge helped a Catholic Democrat from Massachusetts become America's first Catholic president. And on the flip side, that pledge may have helped prevent a second Catholic Democrat from Massachusetts from becoming president.

By BRUCE TINSLEY

Martin Schram writes political analysis for Scripps Howard News Service.

#### Mallard Fillmore



#### Airborne birth

AK KETCHIKAN — The term "airborne" took on a new meaning when a woman gave birth high above Southeast Alaska on a floatplane that was evacuating her after her labor began earlier then expected.

The baby girl was delivered safely to Jenifer Chinuhuk aboard a Pacific Airways floatplane. Isabelle Chinuhuk weighed in at 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19¼ inches long.

es, and was 1974 interes tong; Jenifer and husband Jamie Chinuhuk had not expected the birth of Isabelle until mid-January, but when Jenifer's labor began on Sunday, a medical evacuation was arranged and she was brought to the Metlakatla dock by ambulance.

Two doctors were on the flight, but Jamie Chinuhuk had to stay behind because there was not enough room on the plane.

## Dentist pleads guilty BOCA RATON — A den-

tist pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter in the death of his 3-year-old son, accidentally left in a parked vehicle in July. Dennis Sierra, 43, entered the plea to avoid the anguish of a

trial, his attorney said.

The judge sentenced Sierra to
10 years of probation and 500

hours of community service.
Sierra took his son Andres to
work with him July 15 at his practice west of Boca Raton. He
parked and went inside, forgetting that his son was in a car seat
in the back, according to sheriff's
officials

#### Youthful diets

ROCHESTER — Now that the junk food is gone, officials will be monitoring middle school pupils' middles to see if they shed any extra pounds.

The Health and Nutrition Task Force formed last March to tackle obesity in schools will determine whether healthier snacks make a difference in reducing obesity, said its founder, Walter Hoerman, a pediatrician.

A student's aerobic capacity, body composition and muscle strength, endurance and flexibility will be measured in fitness grams. Activities such as running times, pull-ups, shoulder stretches and curl-ups are all part of the tests.

Students are compared not to each other, but to health fitness standards, established for each age and gender, according to the Cooper Institute, which developed the fitness gram.

#### Air passengers take bus

DES MOINES — Welcome and thank you for using Des Moines International Airport! Please have your boarding pass and ID ready as you approach the ... bus? A combination of two canceled flights and holiday travel snags forced United Airlines to bus passengers about 330 miles to Chicago to catch connecting flights.

Passengers said they were told the next United flight from Des Moines to Chicago with any extra room would be Thursday or Fri-



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

day, so United chartered two buses Monday and another Tuesday to send passengers on their way.

À United spokesman attributed the travel problems to snowstorms that socked the Northeast over the weekend and left the airline short-staffed across the coun-

#### School district grows

MERIDIAN — Idaho's fastest-growing school district intends to ask taxpayers for S80 million in bonding next year to cover growth in western Ad-County. The district had planned for 400 new students to arrive in September, but 1,400 showed up.

Another 175 arrived between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds would be used to build a new high school, a new middle school and up to four elementary schools.

#### Smuggling 'Santa'

OH packages were labeled as toys for good girls and boys and the business was called Santa's Helpers. But authorities say the packages were nothing more than a naughty ruse to cover a large-scale drug smuggling opera-

The bogus business tried to smuggle \$7.8 million worth of cocaine from Los Angeles to nearby Willoughby, authorities said.

Willoughby, authorities said.

Drug agents seized about 175
pounds of cocaine in the largest



Sky lines
A clear, winter sky is draped by jet trails above S&S Feed Mills in Shawnee, Okla.

seizure in Cleveland this year.

Four 55-gallon steel drums used as shipping containers raised suspicions. Billing information said the barrels contained toys, novelties and games.

Federal prosecutors charged Edward Boynton, 35, of Inglewood, Calif., with intent to possess cocaine. Boynton appeared in U.S. District Court.

#### Senator back in prison

NEW YORK — Former state Sen. Guy Velella returned to Riker's Island prison. A
state judge refused to issue an interim stay that would keep Velella free while the state's highest
court decides whether to hear his
appeal. The former Bronx lawmaker stepped down earlier this
year, a week before he pleaded
guilty to a charge in connection
with an influence-peddling
scheme.

#### Rating child care

AZ PHOENIX — A state board is developing a rating system for licensed child care centers to help parents determine the quality of the 2,000 centers in the parents determine rating the centers below the parents of the

#### Fighting invasive plants

HARPERS FERRY — Officials at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park are trying to rid the park of some unwanted guests: invasive plants that could crowd out native growth.

One of these invasive plants, known as Tree-of-Heaven, robs moisture from the soil and its canopy blocks out sun to other plants, according to park Superintendent Donald Campbell.

Campbell and other park employees are concerned about how the tree is affecting native trees such as dogwoods, oaks and manles.

The park, which is located at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers, stretches across parts of West Virginia, Virginia and Maryland.

So far, no native species have been lost, even though many of the invasive species have been there since the land became part of the National Park System in 1944, according to Campbell. He believes the native species can be saved if park officials act immediately to save them.

#### Must disclose names

OH COLUMBUS — A pro-business group that spent \$4 million on a TV campaign to unseat a justice must disclose donors' names, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled.

The court dismissed the group's appeal, saying it did not involve any substantial constitutional question. The Ohio Elections Commission ordered the group in 2002 to list donors. It said the ads against Justice Alice Robie Resnick went beyond what "issue advocacy" groups are allowed to do.



Unusual pet Melissa Packard walks with her daughter, Charlotte, 5, as Goldie, an orphaned buck, gives chase in Hill Country Village, a surburb of San Antonio. Packard said the buck was left by its mom,. The family took in the deer, feeding and caring for it.



Playing in the park Greg and Annie Moore of Kearney, Neb., play some basketball at Pioneer Park. The couple brought their children and the dog to the park on a sunny afternoon.



Practice makes perfect

From left, Becky Christian, 11, and Sarah Rordan, 12, practice skating on the lagoon in Sacajawea Park in Livingston, Mont.



Market Studios North co-own Watch your head Daniel Brown peers out of the studio's second-floor window to take a look at the numerous icicles that have formed along the building in Troy, Ohio.



Nadine Correa, 8, reaches with a borrowed fishing pole in an effort to retrieve a kite stuck on a light pole in Corpus, Christi, Texas,



Sweet trap

A squirrel attempts to shake its head loose from the top of an ice cream treat in Daytona Beach, Fla.

#### Shrimping extension

GA BRUNSWICK — Georgia's shrimping season has been extended indefinitely because of an abundant shrimp population. The season was to end at 5 a.m. New Year's Day before the state Department of Natural Resources extended it. Affected are commercial trawlers in Georgia territorial waters up to 3 miles offshore and recreational shrimpers using cast nets and beach seines.

#### Feather fight

SALT LAKE CITY - A bat-UT tle is brewing over the rights of whites who practice American Indian religion to use federally restricted eagle feathers in ceremonies.

Two federal statutes - the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act — limit the right to have the feathers to members of federally recognized tribes. The feathers are the most powerful objects in the culture's ceremonies, and tribal members must earn the right to handle them.

Many tribal members, backed up by the federal government, say feathers and other eagle parts should be reserved for American Indians as a way of preserving the culture.

The federal laws make an exception for enrolled tribal members who practice an American Indian religion, allowing such members to get a permit to possess eagle feathers and parts.

#### She wants it all now

BOSTON - A 94-year-old woman who won a \$5.6 million dollar Megabucks lottery drawing in September wants to get the cash now instead of a 20-year annuity payout. Louise Outing of Everett said

she won't live to collect her full winnings, and she wants to be able to help her family and spend the money as she chooses.

On Tuesday, she asked Norfolk Superior Court Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara to order the state lottery commission to give her the full amount of her winnings, minus

But the lottery commission said Megabucks winners have never been paid lump-sum amounts. Executive Director Joseph Sullivan said only the multistate Mega Millions game offers a lump-sum op-

#### Careful what you drink

CA SALINAS — About 30,000 customers of California Water Service Co. were urged to boil tap water before drinking or cooking after power outages caused the water system's pressure to drop. The company said it won't know whether water quality was affected until tests are completed Wednesday. Customers will be reimbursed for bottled water purchases.

#### **Driving doggie**

AK SPRINGDALE — Michael Henson left the auto parts store with more problems than when he arrived. For that, he can thank his dog.

Henson, whose truck had been

experiencing a sticking throttle, left his dog in the truck when he went into the O'Reilly Auto Parts

store in Springdale on Sunday. "He'd left the truck running - I guess to show the people at O'Reil-- and the dog jumped over and knocked the truck into gear, police Sgt. Billy Turnbough said.

The truck raced into the building, stunning Henson and clerk

Josh Hopper. No one was hurt and no citations were issued, police said.

#### High foreclosures rate

PA SUNBURY — Mortgage foreclosures in Northumberland County are approaching an all-time high, according to the Sheriff's Department. Maria Birster, the real estate officer, reports 191 sheriff's sales so far this vear. She says that's up from 159 in 2003 and more than the 187 mortgage foreclosures recorded in

Birster says all the foreclosures have been on homes

#### Hand fishing test

MO COLUMBIA — Next summer, it will be legal to plunge into some Missouri rivers and grab catfish by hand — a type of fishing that is not for the faint of heart

Known variously as noodling or hogging, handfishing has long been a misdemeanor punishable by fines, because state officials fear it depletes breeding-age catfish. It can also be dangerous: Noodlers hold their breath for long periods under water and sometimes come up with fistfuls of agitated snakes or snapping turtles instead of fish.

That does not discourage enthusiasts, who insist there is great sportsmanship in fishing with your hare hands

So after years of urging by noodlers, and lopsided legislative support for easing up on handfishers, the Missouri Conservation Commission has approved an ex-perimental handfishing season next summer. Forms of handfishing are already legal in 11 states, including neighboring Oklahoma, Arkansas and Illinois

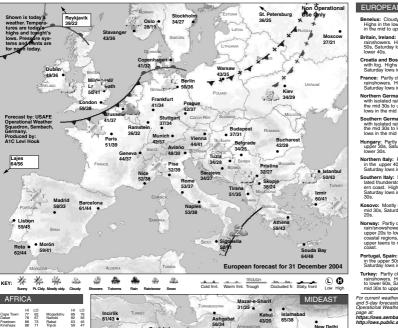
#### Florida Hall of Fame

TALLAHASSEE - Marion Hammer, a former president of the National Rifle Association, was named to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame by Gov. Jeb Bush. Also named were Shirley Coletti, considered a leader in the development of community-based treatment of mental health, and Judith Kersev, who has spent 36 years as a scientist and advocate for women in science

#### Fighting school dropout

MA SPRINGFIELD — Mayor Charles Ryan appointed an 11-member youth commission to combat a rising high school dropout rate and a surge in violent crime. The panel is charged with improving academic and social opportunities for Springfield children. Springfield's dropout rate in 2003 was 8.5 percent, more than double the statewide rate of 3.3 percent

Stories and photos from The Associated



#### EUROPEAN FORECAST

- Benelux: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the low 40s, Saturday lows in the mid to upper 30s.
- Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the low to mid 50s, Saturday lows in the mid 30s to
- Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with fog. Highs in the mid 30s, Saturday lows in the mid 20s.
- France: Partly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the lower 50s, Saturday lows in the upper 30s.
- Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid 30s to upper 40s, Saturday lows in the mid 30s.
- Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid 30s to lower 40s, Saturday lows in the mid 30s.
- Northern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to low 50s, Saturday lows in the 30s.
- Southern Italy: Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms along the south-ern coast. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday lows in the mid to upper
- Kosovo: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s, Saturday lows in the upper 20s
- Norway: Partly cloudy with isolated rain/snowshowers. Highs in the upper 20s to lower40s along the coastal regions, Saturday lows in the upper teens to mid 30s along the
- Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Saturday lows in the mid 40s.
- Turkey: Partly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Saturday lows in the mid 30s to upper 40s.

For current weather watches, warnings, and 5-day forecasts go to the USAFE Operational Weather Squadron home https://ows.sembach.af.mil



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## **Congress set to** send tsunami aid

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unfathomable, and

we will act.

WASHINGTON - When a new Congress convenes next week, lawmakers will call on the Bush administration to do all it can to help victims of the tsunamis in Asia and Africa, Questions of how much aid will be needed how to pay for it - will come later

Lawmakers and congressional aides say the Bush administra-

tion should have enough 44 The challenges of funds available for imcoping with suffering mediate relief operations with. out having to request more right away

But more money will likely be needed some point

to replenish emergency funds depleted by the disaster and to help pay for longer term relief and re construction. The chairman of the House In-

ternational Relations Committee, Rep. Henry Hyde, said Thursday he will introduce legislation to help victims of the tsunamis.

The challenges of coping with suffering on this magnitude are almost unfathomable, and we will act." Hyde, R-Ill., said.

Some lawmakers say a request could be part of a package expected early next year for \$75 billion to \$100 billion

A senior Democrat, Patrick Leahy of Vermont, said the ad-

funds as part of the Iraq package instead of stripping money from existing foreign aid programs, such as those fighting childhood hunger and diseases.

Another option, Leahy said, would be using billions of un-spent dollars intended for Iraq reconstruction. The administration has spent little of the \$18.4 billion in reconstruction funds approved by Congress last year, citing secu-

problems and bureaucratic

"That would be the quickest and easiest way because you wouldn't have to hurt the most devastated

Rep. Henry Hyde help most devastated," said Leahy, top Democrat on the Senate Appropriations for-

eign operations subcommittee, which oversees foreign aid. But Rep. Jim Kolbe, an Arizona Republican who chairs the House Appropriations foreign operations subcommittee, cautioned against shifting money from Iraq reconstruction. He said those funds were supposed to be spent

over three years. "It's not as though they haven't spent it because it's not needed, he said

Kolbe said it is possible — but not certain — that the administra-tion could request relief funds as part of next year's Iraq spending

#### A dry run for New York's big night



Times Square Alliance President Tim Tompkins tosses confetti out his office window in Times Square in New York on Wednesday during the annual "air worthiness test" of the confetti that will be used for the Times Square 2005 New Year's Eve celebration. The simulation is in preparation for the release by hand of 3.000 pounds of confetti from various buildings in Times Square at midnight EST on New Year's Eve.

## Ark. judge rules denying gays foster rights unconstitutional

The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - A state ban on placing foster children in any household with a gay member was struck down when a judge ruled that the state agency enforcing it overstepped its authority by trying to regulate "public morality."

Ruling in a case brought by the Arkansas chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Pulaski County Circuit Judge Timothy Fox declared the ban unconstitutional Wednesday. At issue was a 1999 board regulation that said gays

cannot become foster parents, and foster children cannot be placed in any home with a gay person.

The ACLU had argued that the regulation violates the equal-protection rights of gays. But the judge's ruling did not turn on that argument.

Instead, Fox noted that the Arkansas Legislature gave the state Child Welfare Agency Review board the power to "promote the health, safety and welfare of children." but the ban does not accomplish that Rather, he said the regulation seeks to regulate "public morality" — something the board was not given the authority to do.Rita Sklar, director of the Arkansas chapter of the ACLU, expressed satisfaction with the ruling.

"He made extensive findings of fact and he accepted everything we entered into the record refuting the state's reasons for the regulation, including these ridiculous claims that gay people are more likely to do drugs or have diseases," Sklar said.

Fox heard extensive testimony in the case over the ast year. Several board members testified that they had personal problems with the idea of gays and les bians engaging in sex.

Fox cited the testimony of sociologists and psychologists that gay people can be as loving and caring foster parents as heterosexuals, and that the children of gay adoptive parents can be as well-adjusted as those raised by heterosexual couples.

ister motive.

## The flight that wouldn't end

### 300 passengers trapped aboard grounded airplane for 18 hours

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - A 10-hour flight from the Netherlands stretched into 28 as passengers diverted from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport by fog sat on the ground at a central Washington airport, stuck on the plane because of custom regulations.

Food and water ran short for the approximately 300 passen-gers aboard Northwest Airlines Flight 33, and the toilets stopped working as the hours dragged on At least two passengers were treated for medical conditions before passengers were finally allowed to stretch their legs late in the evening.

"It's like we're hostages without being in any kind of hostage passenger Misha Shmidt, a violinist with the Seattle Symphony, told The Seattle Times while on the plane Tues-

The flight finally arrived at

Sea-Tac at 6:26 a.m. Wednesday. 18 hours after its scheduled 12:30 p.m. Tuesday arrival.

Heavy fog at Sea-Tac forced the crew of the DC-10-30 to circle the Seattle airport until fuel ran low and the plane had to be diverted across the Cascade Range to Grant County International Airport in Moses Lake. Since em-barking on what was supposed to be a 10-hour nonstop flight from Amsterdam, passengers had already been on the plane for roughly 12 hours by the time it arrived at 2:20 n.m.

Passengers had to wait until another crew arrived from Northwest headquarters in Minnesota. The flight was delayed further after the plane carrying the crew suffered mechanical problems, airline spokeswoman Mary Stan-ik said. The crew finally arrived, but then the plane still wasn't able to leave because of bad weather in Moses Lake, Stanik

As passengers waited, food ran out and water had to be rationed

Pizza and soda were finally brought on board around 8:30 p.m., and the toilets also were eventually serviced.

Despite the Grant County air-

"international" moniker, passengers initially weren't al-lowed to leave the plane because the airport, a former Air Force base, isn't equipped to screen so many international travelers. They were finally allowed off the plane late in the evening, after air port officials temporarily cleared an airport terminal and posted sheriff's deputies at the entrances, effectively making it an inter-

Stanik said passengers would receive a gift pack that included phone cards and vouchers for a free airplane ticket anywhere Northwest flies in the United States and Canada.

national terminal.

"We apologized to our customers for any and all inconve-nience," she said.

## FBI exploring lasers directed at cockpits

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Authorities are investigating a mysterious laser beam that was directed into the cockpit of a commercial jet traveling at more than 8,500

The beam appeared Monday when the plane was about 15 miles from Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, the FBI

"It was in there for several seconds like [the plane] was being tracked," FBI agent Robert Hawk said.

The pilot was able to land the plane, and air traffic controllers used radar to determine the laser came from a residential area in suburban Warrensville

Hawk said the laser had to have been fairly sophisticated to track a plane traveling at that altitude. Authorities had no other and are investigating whether the incident was a prank or if there was a more sin-

In Colorado Springs, Colo., Monday night, two pilots report-ed green pulsating laser lights shined into their cockpits. Both the passenger plane and a cargo plane landed without problems.

Police dispatched patrol cars and a helicopter to a neighbor-hood to investigate but found nothing. FBI agents were continuing to conduct interviews, agency spokeswoman Monique

Federal officials have expressed concern about terrorists using laser beams, which distract or temporarily blind a pilot.

The FAA mandates that laser light shows must register their locations and the lights cannot be directed above 3,000 feet.

Lasers are also often used by construction companies to line

up foundations.

Interfering with a commer-cial flight is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

**Holiday Mathis** 

## Horoscope

Though it's the last day of the vear and therefore the last chance to celebrate 2004, the Virgo moon along with other planetary

influences has us in an industrious mood. Squeezing as much production into the day as possible is a prerequisite for getting into the party mood tonight. The drinking is tempered, as health is a big New Year focus

#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 31). You're basically hot this year. Look forward to improved health

and vitality. If becoming more fit is one of your New Year's resolutions, you will find it easy to keep through January. This spring, emotional issues regarding home and family are resolved, freeing you up to take full advantage of a period of intense creativity beginning in August

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19). A woman in your life pokes and prods

at your psyche, inspiring you to re-think your plan for New Year's Eve. What? You still don't have a plan for the evening? At least resolve to take on an enthusiastic attitude

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're feeling energized and can

blow through an entire day's worth of duties in half the time. Why not cut out of a boring situation and spend some time primping for your New Year's celebration? You're gorgeous in green

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Your plucky wit doesn't make sense to everyone - just the most important people. You'll meet someone over food or drinks. Plant yourself by the snack table, and net chatting. By midnight, you've found someone to

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22).

The most romantic nights are in, not out. Forgo the parties - and drunk in favor of snuggling in front of the TV with your sweetie Single? Host friends or family at vour place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Any socializing you do tonight is likely to have a strong work component. If

you're not actually going to a job-related event, you may meet someone in your field or exchange business

#### cards with an interesting stranger. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). New Year's bash at your house? The cosmos is working in your favor

- expect to pull it off without a hitch. The place is immaculate, the food

### divine .lust remember to stop running around long

enough to have fun!

#### LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). Go ahead and indulge your senses A smorgasbord of gastronomical delights awaits you. You can start your diet tomorrow. Better yet for your best chance for success, wait until after the new

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

moon on Jan. 11.

Clashing with a loved one can be enlightening. Don't fear conflict it's important to clear the air so you can get on with your new year. Stick to your ouns if you must, but making up is more fun

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Let them just try to stop you from painting the town red tonight! You've worked your tail off this year, and nobody knows it better than you. Go ahead - let loose. A night of unrepentant celebration is certainlv well deserved.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Life is looking pretty darned good from where you're standing. Your social life rocks, and you've got folks at the office wrapped around your little finger. Now, if only you could find the perfect outfit for tonight

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Let someone else be the designated driver. If there's a checkpoint within

a 10-mile radius of you, you're likely to be pulled over. And indicators suggest a butting of heads with authority figures -- yikes! Better safe than sorry

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You feel as if you're working at cross-purposes with an important woman in your life. In fact, you're not, but it's challenging to see the forest for the trees. This lesson is one you'll be happy you learned before the new year rings in

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#### Peanuts



















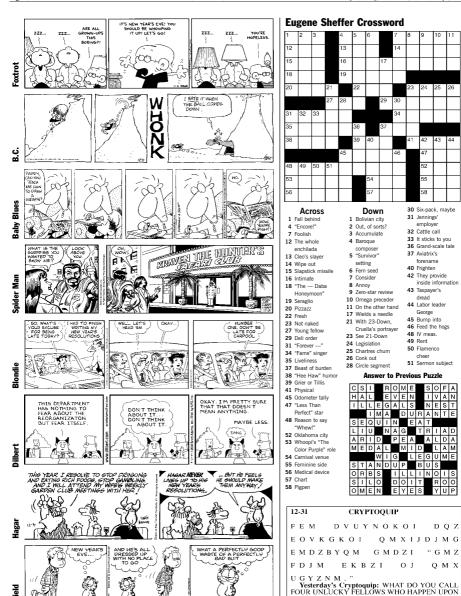




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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals P



## **Mother should give child space**

Dear Abby: I am 35 and the mother of a 10-year-old daugh-ter, "Savannah," who is in the fourth grade

Savannah claims that I am smothering her. She is not allowed to have sleepovers, and she may not attend any of the co-ed parties her friends throw. No sugar is allowed in our house unless it is a special occasion like a birthday.

Whenever she goes to a friend's house, I call every hour to see how she is doing.

In the kitchen Savan nah is not allowed to use the stove, the oven, the blender, or any other appliance unless I am there to supervise.

My daughter attends an all-girls school because I don't want her exposed to some of the things boys do when they are her age. Savannah is not allowed to wear makeup, and I shop for her. Every morning, before she

leaves home, she must come to me so I can monitor what she is

Abby, I love my daughter very much, and I only want what is best for her. Do you think I am smothering her

Dear Abby

— Good Mom in Houston Dear Good Mom: I believe you are a caring parent, but I also think you have gone off the deep end. In the name of being a conscientious parent you have placed your daughter under virtual house arrest. How is your daughter to learn to be independent and make intelligent decisions if you restrict her

Dear Abby: I'm a college

sophomore, and my roommate, "Sal," is driving me crazy. She talks down to me when we're in a group. She'll hijack my conversations and answer for me, even though I'm standing right there.

I'm not the only person who feels this way. Sal talks down to everyone. She also tries to intimidate us physically. She shoves the guys around, and if the girls annoy her, she stands up as tall as she can, looks down her nose at us and announces, "I can eat you!" At one point, she pinned me to my bed and tried to shove food in my mouth because she didn't believe I ate enough.

The few times we've tried to talk to Sal about this, she became defensive and stormed out, as she snarled that we are all immature and should grow up. We've about had enough. Can you help? - Living with the Alpha Dog

Dear Living: From your description, the girl has problems beyond what you and I can solve. Counseling could help her, but only if she's willing to face the fact that she needs help.

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to form four ordinary words.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



Now arrange the circled letters to

(Answers tomorrow)

form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Jumbles: CREEK LYRIC UNHOLY BEHEAD Answer: What she was left with when her hair came out the wrong color --- A HUE AND A CRY

## Don't let wild toddler ruin visit

Dear Annie: After numerous e-mails and nhone calls with my sister-in-law, we could hardly wait for a week's visit from my brother's family. After the first night, however, my relatives were in total shock after witnessing the behavior of my brother's 2-year-old daughter, "Misty."

Misty walked all over our furniture, constantly scream ing, hitting, pinching and pushing everyone she encountered She even hit her parents and her 8-year-old brother. She is the most unhappy child I have ever

We have a 3-year-old who plays beautifully with other children.

Misty was abusive to her cousin, and at no time did her parents discipline her. When Misty was awake, there was a lot of tension When she was asleep, we all had a great time.

I couldn't sit and watch Misty abuse my daughter, so I finally

confronted my brother and his wife. They Annie's Mailbox swore up and down that they had never seen Misty act this way before and she has never had a problem playing with other

> time Misty screamed. hit or walked on my furniture. I was told repeatedly by her parents that "Misty just needs her space I'm just so hurt and frustrated

children. Yet every

that a 2-year-old could ruin a visit. I realize the child is not to blame if her parents have not done their job properly. I do not care to be around Misty or subject my child to her. But I had such a great time with my broth er, his wife and their son that I'd love to see them again. They want us to visit next summer

What should I do? - Misty's Hostage Dear Hostage: Toddlers, fortunately, change a great deal over a short time and, by next year, Misty may be much better behaved. Try

By all means, plan to see your brother next summer, but make reservations at a nearby motel so you can control how much

time you spend with Misty

Dear Annie: My birthday falls on New Year's Eve. I got fed up with not being sufficiently recognized, and I now start working my birthday into conversations about six weeks ahead of time. ("Did you know it's only five weeks to Christmas and only six weeks to my birthday?") It has since become an office joke and is never forgotten. I recommend this approach to anyone whose birthday is neglected.

- Born as a Tax Deduction Dear Tax Deduction: A sense of humor (and some persistence) can go a long way. And, oh yes, Happy Birthday.

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**Family Circus** 



"Daddy, would you lie down on my bed and warm it up for me?"









## Horoscope

Happy New Year! Sagittarian influences have us looking into the future as if it is a land to be conquered, an adventure to be commandeered, an impossi bility to be made real. Industrious vibes prevail, so roll up your sleeves and get started before criticism and self-doubt have a chance to settle in. This isn't the time to ask how. Just figure it

#### TODAY'S RIRTHDAY (January 1). You are the

New Year's haby who brings optimism and a fresh start to all who dearly need it! You'll reap the rewards of your own generosity by late February. A pet project is embraced by the one who can take it to the next level Personal satisfaction is so full, vou'll want to share with more people Libra and Pisces are wonderfu partners

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Last night's misunderstanding could leave you with a tension hangover. You must quickly clear last year's bad-vibe pollution. Forgive others, forgive yourself, and quickly move forward

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are many interpretations for the information you're getting now don't automatically assume the worst. You're good enough just as you are, no matter what your

third-grade teacher said. Be kind to that scared kid inside. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Emotions can create mental cacophony that gets in the way of communication, causing you to misinterpret what you hear. If you need an impar-

#### tial translator, turn to a Taurus or CANCER (June 22-July 22).

There is plenty of excitement su rounding you, but for once, you feel grounded and secure. Steadfast Saturn supports you in your efforts to achieve something momentous this year. Review your goals, and start planning now

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Celebrate the new year with your family If geographical boundaries keep you

apart, pick up the phone and call. Yes, they may drive you crazy, but they know you better than anyone and will always support you with

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Instead of being your own worst



23-Oct. 23). Be aware of all that is beautiful and joyous in the world, and refuse to succumb to

negativity. If your old methods of dealing with others are not working, find an open window through which love can enter your life

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With each new year, you shed your old skin and rise up, polished and new. Change is second nature to you. Be aware, however, that some unfinished business has yet to be resolved before you can progress

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In your case, "old acquaintance" is certainly not forgot - in fact, you'll probably be lunching with him or her today. Share your resolutions, and enlist help in keeping them. Your friend will steer you from

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe your action looks fool-

potential pitfalls.

ish to those who like to play it safe, but if you don't test the boundaries of what you're really capable of, you'll never know! The results will surprise you.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

If you're already in a committed relationship, this is a prime time to focus on your future together. Discuss goals, and review finances. It you're not committed, you could meet a kindred spirit while running a mundane errand.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Face it - your candle is burnt at both ends! Start the new year by getting plenty of rest. Keep your schedule fairly open and flexible. An unexpected opportunity comes in the form of a Gemini.

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#### Peanuts

Libra friend

















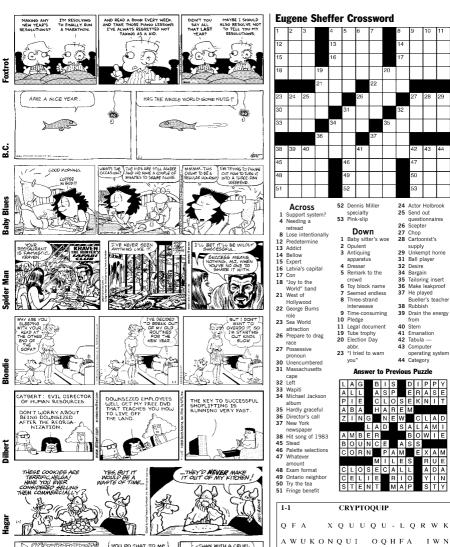






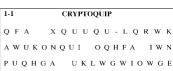






LAUGH AT YOUR EXPENSE?

BUT WHAT



NXKWU EQUT Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THE AMBIGUOUS AND HUMOROUS NEWSPAPER HEADLINE READS "RED TAPE HOLDS UP NEW BRIDGE."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals R

## **Starting the New Year positively**

Dear Abby: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the column you printed last New Year's Day. My mother is always cutting out articles for me. The majority end up in the trash. But that one is taped to my bathroom wall. I read it every day on my way out. If I'm having a bad day. I think about it. Please print it again for me and others

Mine is a little tat tered.

- Heather in Florida Dear Heather: With pleasure.

Dear Readers: Rise and shine, and welcome to 2005! This is our chance for a new beginning, the day we discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones. With that in mind, I'm printing Dear Abby's oft-requested list of New Year's resolutions - adapted by my mother from the original credo of Al-Anon

JUST FOR TODAY. I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all my problems at once. I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had

> to keep it up for a lifetime JUST FOR TODAY, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds,

I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine JUST FOR TODAY.

I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things I can correct and accept those I cannot.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

I will not be a mental loafer. JUST FOR TODAY I will

agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I'll improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I'll refrain from improving anybody but

JUST FOR TODAY, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I'm overweight, I'll eat healthily - if only just for today

myself.

And not only that, I'll get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the

JUST FOR TODAY, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take responsibility for my own actions.

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suggested by the above cartoon.

Yesterday's

Jumbles: REARM MERGE MULISH CAMPUS Answer: The forecaster described the heat wave as -A SUMMER SIMMER

## A holiday poem to lighten the mood

#### **Dear Readers:**

Happy New Year! A faithful reader sent us this poem, and we hope it will amuse you. We don't know the author, but we enjoyed the sentiment:

The Week After Christ Twas the week after all Christmas, and all through the house Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse

The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste

At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales, there arose such a number! When I walked to the store (less

a walk than a lumber). I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;

The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared, The wine and the rum balls, the

bread and the cheese And the way I'd never said, "No

thank you, please.

As I dressed myself in my hushand's old shirt

And prepared once again to do battle with dirt, I said to myself,

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as I only can "You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!' So - away with the

last of the sour cream dip, Get rid of the fruitevery cracker

and chip, Every last bit of food that I like must be ban-

Til all the additional ounces have vanished I won't have a cookie - not

even a lick I'll want only to chew on a long

celery stick.

I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,

I'll munch on a carrot and quiet-I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and

life is a bore But isn't that what January is

Unable to giggle, no longer a

Happy New Year to all, and to all a good diet!

Dear Annie: I am a disabled

woman and the blessed

owner/handler of a Service Dog. Brandy goes everywhere with me, and many people ask questions. I usually don't mind answering, but I have some suggestions for your readers: Be polite.

Please ask me if it's OK before attempting to speak to or pet the dog. If I tell you "no," please accept it graciously. My dog is working. While Brandy is trained to ignore you, even a moment's inattention on the dog's part can cause me injury. Please give us the room we need to safely negotiate stairs, elevators, aisles, etc.

Do not feed the dog. For many of us, our dogs have given us back some measure of normalcy and independence. Things are hard enough without being stared at, whispered about, pointed at and interrogated.

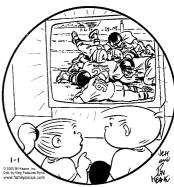
— D.F. and Brandy in New Jersey Dear D.F. and Brandy: Readers, take note.

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#### **Family Circus**



"Did I hear him right? He said that guy coughed up the football!"

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The kegger lasted well into the night, and on the following morning Dale thrust his foot into a nest of cranky, hung over, stimulus-response scorpions.



#### SCOREBOARD

#### **AFN TV & Radio**

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ARN-Pacific, 8 p.m.-College football: Sun
Bowl, Arizona St. vs. Purdue.
ARN-Sports and Radio, 9:30 p.m.-College football: Uberty Bowl, Louisville vs. Boise St.

#### Saturday

AFN-Sports and Radio, 1:30 a.m.-College football: Peach Bowl, Miami vs. Florida. AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.-NBA: Philadelphia at

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Dallas at N.Y. Giants
End Regular Season

#### NFL injury report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football eague injury report, as provided by the

league: Sunday
ATLANTA FALCONS (11-4) AT SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (8-7) — Falcons: QUESTIONABLE: TE
Alge Crumpler (knee); RB T.J. Duckett
(knee); DT Edward Jasper (wrist); QB Michael Vick (left shoulder); CB Jason Webster

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JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (8-7) AT OAK-LAND RAIDERS (5-10) — Jaguars: QUESTION-ABLE: CB Juran Bolden (quadricep); S Deon Grant (knee); RB Fred Taylor (knee). PROBA-BLE: S Donovin Darius (ankle); QB Byron

Leftwich (concussion); DT Marcus Stroud (knee); CB DeWayne Washington (groin). Raiders: DOBITUL: CB Phillip Buchanon Milliams (ankle); CB Charles Woodson (knee), QUESTIONABLE: LB DeLawrence Grant (knee); DT Warren Sapp (back): LB Trawan Smith (knee). PROBABEL: DE Tyler Braywan Smith (knee).

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PITTSBURGH STEELERS (14-1) AT BUFFALO
BILLS (9-6) — Steelers: OUT: CB Deshea
Townsend (hand). DOUBTFUL: RB Jerome
Bettis (ankle): LB Clark Haggans (groin).
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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-13) AT NEW EN LAND PATRIOTS (13-2) — 49ers: OUT: QE GLAND PATRIOTS (13-2) — 49ers: OUT: OBJ TIM RAITAY (TOOLYIGHT forearm): LUT: QB Winborn (Shoulder), QUESTIONABLE: DT An-thony Adams (knee): WR Brandon Lloyd (foot): DE Corey Smith (knee). PROBABLE: RB Fred Beasley (neck). Patriots: DOUBTFUL: Dexter Reld (Shoulder): DE Richard Seymour Fred Beasley (neck). Patriots: DOUBTFUL: S-Dexter Reid (shoulder): DF Richard Seymour (knee). QUESTIONABLE: LB Matt Chatham (hamstring): RB Revin Faulk (knee): CB Ran-dall Gay (arm/flu): WR David Givens (ankle): (thigh): CB T Law (foot): CB Earthwind Mo-reland (abdomen): RB Patrick Pass (knee): CB Asante Samuel (shoulder): S Eugene Wilon (thigh), PROBABLE: OB Tom Brady (right shoulder); OB Jim Miller (right shoulder).

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (5-10) AT ARIZO
NA CARDINALS (5-10) — Buccaneers: QUES
TIONABLE: OB Brian Griese (foot). PROBA BLE: C Sean Mahan (quadriceps). Cardinals: QUT; T Leonard Davis (knee); CB Renaldo Hill (back), QUESTIONABLE: QB John Navarre (right linger). PROBABLE: LB Karlos Dansby (foot); S Adrian Mayes (Shoulder); WR Nate Pols (high); K Neil Rackers (illness); RB Josh Scobey (illness); S Michael Stone

(floot).

DALIAS COWBOYS (6-9) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (5-10) — Cowboys: OUT: RB Richie
Anderson (neck/IR). Giants: OUT: WM Mark
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Wilson (shoulder/burner). DOUBTFUL: T
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#### College football

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Payout: \$1.2 million
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At San Francisco
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Friday, Dec. 31
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At Nashville, Tenn.
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Peach Bown
At Atlanta
Miami (8-3) VS. Touisville (10-1)
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Saturday, Jan. 1 Cotton Bowl At Dallas Payout: \$3 million Tennessee (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (7-4) Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla.
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Schneider kick), 3:06.

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World Junior Championship								
Group A								
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Russia	3	2	0	1	15	8	4	
United States	3	2	0	1	14	13	4	
Czech Republic	3	2	0	1	13	8	4	
Switzerland	3	1	0	2	11	11	2	
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Slovakia	3	2	0	1	10	7	4	
Sweden	3	1	0	2	11	13	2	
Germany	4	0	0	4	1	24	0	

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Saturday, Dec. 25
At Grand Forks, N.D.
Canada 7. Slovakia 3
United States 5, Russia 4
At Thief River Falls, Minn.
Czech Republic 7, Belarus 25
Finland 4, Germany 1
Sunday, Dec. 26
At Grand Forks, N.D.
Switzerland 5, Belarus 0.

Belarus 5, United States 3
At Thief River Falls, Minn.
Finland 5, Sweden 4
Slovakia 5, Germany 0
Thursday, Dec. 30 Thursday, Dec. 30 At Grand Forks, N.D.

Thursday, Dec. 10
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Group B winner vs. Quarterfinal 1 winner
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Monday, Jan. 3
A Grand Forks, N.D.
Relegation
Group A fifth place vs. Group B fifth place
Group A fourth place vs. Group A fourth
lace

Quarterfinal losers
Tuesday, Jan. 4
At Grand Forks, N.D.
Third Place

Semifinal losers Championship

#### College basketball

#### AP Men's Top 25 fared

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Wednesday
1. Illinois (12:0) did not, play. Next: vs.
Northwestern State, Thursday
2. J. Karisas (8:0) did not, play. Next: vs. No. 9
3. Oklahoma State (9:1) did not play. Next:
at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Monday.
4. North Carolina (10:1) did not play. Next:
vs. Wednesday (10:1) did not play. Next:
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6. Duke (8:0) did not play. Next: vs. ClemSWed (8:0) did not play. Next: vs. Clem-6. Duke (8-0) did not play. Next\* vs. Clem-son, Sunday. (12.) did not play. Next vs. 16. Next (12.) did not play. Next vs. 16. Next (12.) did not play. Next vs. 16. Next (12.) Suph (12.) did not play. Next vs. Next vs. Suph (12.) did not play. Next vs. 10. Pitsburgh (16-9) best Suph (12.) did Not (12.) did not play. Next vs. Quimplace. Thursday. (12.) did not play. Next at Missouri, Thursday. (13.) Washington (10.1) did not play. Next vs. 13. Washington (10.1) did not play. Next vs. Missouri, Thürday, Missouri, Thürday, Missouri, Thürday, Missouri, Californi, Firiya, Did on or jaly, Nest: v. Californi, Firiya, Missouri, Californi, Firiya, Missouri, Californi, Firiya, Missouri, Californi, Californi,

#### Wednesday's men's scores

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Campbelesville 55, Milami-Hamilton 56
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Coastal Carolina 53, Ohio Northern 65
Florida 83, Sam Houston 51, 51
Furman 136, VA. Intermont 33 ph 82
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Jackson 51, Tá, Nicholds 51, Claydon 51
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Jackson 71, Echerd 65
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Montana 51, 78, Montana Tech 44
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Montana 18, Augustana 50, 37
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Montana 18, Montana

Ashland Amerikest Tournament
Ashland 7.5, Nichroribury 60
Trinity Christian 8.5, Lincoln Memorial 52
Bills Christian 8.5, Lincoln Memorial 52
Charlotte 6., Christian 8.5, Lincoln 8.5, Lincoln

Oneida Bingo & Casino Classic First Round First Round
Hartford 68, Rider 57
Wis.-Green Bay 72, N. Dakota St. 66
Porreco Cup
First Round
Gannon 92, Lock Haven 36
St. Joseph's. Ind. 81, Saginav Valley St. 74
Ramada Inn Classic
First Round

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John Carroll St, Adrign 15
Kings, Pa. St, Alfred 75
St, Peter 75
Shamrock Office Solutions Classic
Shamrock Office Solutions Classic
St. Mary's, Call. 75, Murray 51. 62
UC Works GT, Third Place
UC Holiday Invitational
Brown 55, Ch. Charpite Charles
UCF Korling St. Mary 15
UCF 55, Fordham 52
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AP Women's Top 25 fared Medinesday.

1. LSU (11-0) did not play, Next: v. 5. Texas State, Thursday.

2. Duke (12-1) beat Rhode Island 89-63. Next: (10-1) beat Montana State 92-47. Next: at Texas A&M, Wednesday, Jan. 5.

4. Texas (7-2) did not play, Next: v. No. 24. Rutgers, Sunday.

5. Stanford (9-2) lost to Oregon 62-58. Next: and the state of t 20. Purdue (7-3) did not play. Next: at Wis-corsin, Thursi'shi; (9-3) lost to Washington Garage (19-1) and Garage (19-1) and Garage 22. Kanass State (7-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Joseph's, Thursday. 23. UCLA (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. Ore-24. Rutgers (7-2) beat No. 8 Tennessee 6-5-51. Next: A No. 4 Texas, Sunday. 25. New Mexico (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco. Friday.

#### Wednesday's women's scores

Allegheny 81, Mount Union 64 American International 64, Lock Haven 52 Bryant 70, N.J. Tech 59 Carnegie-Mellon 75, Otterbein 73 College of N.J. 57, RPI 54 Druke 89, Rhode Island 63 E. Michigan 76, Capicijus 61 Dulee St, Afhode Island 63 , L. Michigan TS, Canalsius 61 , Mars Hill 68, Bluefield St. Honor St. Mars Hill 68, Bluefield St. Michigan St. Gr. Connecticus 51 , Pitt. Johnstown GJ. Mercyhurst 59 , Rugar 63, Frene Sesse 51 , St. Bonavertirus 65, St. Bonavertirus 69, Siens 59 , Texas-Pan American 59, Lafayette 51 , Vi. M. Wesleyse Sg. Virginia Jenion 73 , Wooster 72, John Jay 18 , Wooster 73, John Jay 18 , Wooster 73, John Jay 18 , Wooster 74, John Jay 18 , Wooster 74, John Jay 18 , Wooster 75, John Jay 18 , John Ja

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FAR WEST Arizona 54, Washington St. 51 California 77, Oregon St. 71 Colorado 77, N. Colorado 58

Concordia, Calif. 56, Whitman 47 E. Washington 70, Denver 54 Gonzaga 66, Utah 60 Idaho 63, Utah 5t. 62 Montana St.-Northern 59, Occide Gonzaga Gu tah 60
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Deraware 67, Alabama 39
Coca Cola Classic
First Round
Coppin St. 70, South Alabama 69
Jackson St. 77, Northwestern St. 64
FIU Sun and Fun Classic
Championship
Fla. International 69, Dayton 44
Third Place
Stone Brook Ch

Fla. Internation Third Place
Stony Brook 70, Brown 54
Heritage Bank Holiday Classic
First Round
Clayton St. 69, Claffin 55
Iowa State Holiday Classic
First Round
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lowa St. 80, E. Illinois 51 Murray St. 73, Mercer 61 Kiwanis-Wildon

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Furman 59, Alabam 51, 418
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First Round
Seton Hall 59, Campbell 41
South Carolina 70, Coastal Carolina 50
State Farm Classic
First Round
Charlotte 78, Florida A&M 49
Florida 66, Boston U. 59
Terrapin Classic
First Round

First Round
Marshall 71, Elon 43
Maryland 67, Massachusetts 63
Tulane Doubletree Classic
Championship
Tulane 62, Pepperdine 49
Third Place
Stephen F.Austin 61, Georgia St. 56

### Deals

#### Wednesday's transactions BASEBALL

American League
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FOOTBALL
National Football League
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed RB Chris
erry on injured reserve. Signed WR Matherry from Jacksonville's gractice squad,
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Mike
Aarker and CB Art Smith to the practice HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed FB Josh Rue to

HOUSTON TEXAND—JUJUEU TO ACM.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Placed LB Jim Nelson on injured reserve. Signed QB Travis
Brown from the practice squad. Signed LB
Andre Sommersell to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Re-Signed S
JeRod Cherry. Announced S Omare Lowe
cleared waivers and was re-signed to the
expelies equal. cleared walvers and was resuppose practice squad.
PMILADELPHIA SEALES—Placed RB Thomas Tapeh on injured reserve. Signed RB Eric McCoo from the practice squad. Signed RS SAAN FRANCISCO 49EBS—Signed WR P.J. Fleck from the practice squad. Signed RB Van Simonitor to the practice squad.

Fleck from the practice squad. Signed RB Ken Simonton to the practice squad WASHINGTON REDSKINS -Placed RB Clinton Portis, LB LaVar Arrington and CB Ade Jimón on injured reserve. Released TE Dan Godspeed. Signed DE Melvin Williams and TE Kori Dickerson. Signed RB Dahrran Diedrick and CB Rufus Brown from the practice squad.

COLLEGE med Alex Kahoe and Reid DELAWARE—Named Alex Kahoe and Vatson women's assistant lacrosse co

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"GUILFORD—Announced the resignation of 
Mike Ketchum, football coach, to become an 
assistant athletic director.

JACKSONYLLE—Dismissed junior C Joey 
Robinson from the men's basketball team 
for violating team policy.

NIAGARA—Named Kevin Miller golf coach.

SAN JOSE STATE—Named Dick Tomey foot-

ball coach. SYRACUSE-Fired Paul Pasqualoni, foot-

## St. Louis **OL Turley** confronts coach Martz

The Associated Press ST. LOUIS - St. Louis Rams of-

fensive tackle Kyle Turley, upset about a remark that the team hadn't seen him since he reinjured his back in training camp. engaged in a recent shouting match with coach Mike Martz. Turley said in a statement

Wednesday that there was a "heated, unfortunately profane exchange" on Dec. 13. During the exchange in Martz's office, he said the coach told him he had come to St. Louis "just to take the money and run.

"I left his office and met with the GM to reconfirm my commitment to the team and my return to it at the earliest possible time," Turley said. "I am determined to return to the football field and contribute to the St. Louis Rams' winning season in 2005, joining the teammates I respect and the organization I admire."

Turley has had little contact with the team since going on injured reserve in early August. Martz has said he had no success contacting Turley after the player left the team early in training camp to visit specialists about his hack

On Wednesday, Martz called the flare-up with Turley in his of-fice "a nothing deal." He wouldn't comment on Turley's allegation that he had filed a complaint with NFL security that Turley threatened him.

"Martz contacted league security and falsely claimed I had threatened his life." Turley said. "I was thoroughly interviewed by league staff with regard to his

haseless allegation." NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said league rules bar him from discussing the matter, saying "conversations between the clubs

and NFL security are confiden-Turley could be subject to a

fine over the matter. "He came in and basically was

concerned with a remark I made concerned with a remark I made when I was asked on TV, Where's Kyle?' and I said 'I haven't seen him, I don't know,'" Martz said. "He came in out of the blue, and it was pretty animat-

"He's a very emotional guy and we had a discussion about it Martz said that by the end of

the discussion, which included details of Turley's offseason conditioning plans, the offensive tackle had calmed down. But he didn't

say the two left on good terms.
"We came to an agreement," Martz said.

#### NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, fol-lowed by team's prognosis. (See Page 23 or complete injury report provided by

lowed by team's prognosis, (See Page 23 for complete injury report provided by the league):

Falcons: QB Michael Vick (left shoulder) practiced Wednesday and is expected to start Sunday at Seattle.

Jaguars: QB Byron Leftwich (concussion) is probable for Sunday's game at Oakland. RB Fred Taylor (knee) is questionable.

tionable.

Buccaneers: QB Brian Griese (sprained foot) is questionable for Sunday's game vs. Arizona.

## **2004:** The year sports went to the extremes

2004, FROM BACK PAGE

"Roger just played too good today, Andy Roddick said after losing to Federer in the Wimble-don final. "I threw the kitchen sink at him, but he went to the bathroom and got a tub."

Singh and Federer weren't huge shocks to rise to the top of their sports after their strong play in the past, but to win on the scale they did was extraordinary.

There was far less surprise in seeing Lance Armstrong pedal to a record sixth straight Tour de France, Michael Schumacher win a seventh Formula One title or Kurt Busch capture NASCAR's Nextel Cup in a new championship format.

Nor, despite their advanced age, was there astonishment in seeing Roger Clemens win a record seventh Cy Young award or Barry Bonds join Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron in the 700-homer club while winning a record seventh MVP Award

Clemens retired from the Yankees, unretired in a hurry for his hometown Houston Astros, and had one of his finest seasons Bonds shrugged off a federal grand jury appearance, a thousand questions about steroids and the arrest of his personal trainer in the BALCO case, and, at 40, had a career year by anyone's

They, like Ichiro Suzuki, whose record 262 hits broke George Sisler's 84-year-old mark, gave the season a golden hue

Michael Phelps imposed himself in such a way at the Athens Olympics, winning eight medals, six of them gold and none a surprise. If Phelps didn't quite match Mark Spitz's record haul of seven individual golds in 1972, he still ruled the pool as no other man since then

Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj, the world's greatest middle-distance runner, elevated the Games by winning the 1,500 gold after failing twice before, then added the 5,000 - a double that hadn't been accomplished since Paavo Nurmi did it in 1924.

Argentina pulled the upset of the Games, winning the gold in men's baskethall while a humiliated U.S. team, booed in Greece and lambasted at home, settled for bronze

It was a year to take pleasure in the overachievement of little Saint Joseph's, No. 1 in the men's basketball poll, and to cheer for Smarty Jones, the Seabiscuit of our times. Smarty Jones won millions of fans in his bid for the Triple Crown, and they loved him still even when he came up a length short in the Belmont.

Witnessing Peyton Manning eclipse Dan Marino's season TD passing mark — 48 in 1984 — has been a wonder to watch, especially seeing him doing it with noise and class and none of the phony celebrations that some players have displayed to grab attention.

"I thought 48 was something no one would touch or get close to. Marino said.

We needed all those good times to get us past the embarrass-ments, scandals and violence that permeated the sports landscape.

### Images of the year: The good, the bad and the ugly

Switzerland's Roger Federer, right, won three Grand Slam tennis events and Fiii's Vijay Singh below, won 10 golf tournaments. including the PGA Championship.





Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, above, broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old record for touchdown passes in a season. Manning has 49 entering the regular-season finale on Sunday.

Indiana Pacers' Ron Artest, right triggered a brawl in the stands at Detroit last month that was as frightening as anything seen in sports. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, below, is presiding over a lockout that is threatening to erase an entire season.







While BALCO founder Victor Conte, above, fought off accusations of distributing steroids to elite athletes, Barry Bonds, right, joined the 700 home run club.

Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" in the Super Bowl halftime show, exposing her right breast to an audience of 90 million, brought a wave of condemnation, but more serious matters blew through the seasons

After 15 years of denials, Pete Rose admitted to betting on basehall and his own Cincinnati Reds. but he remained banned from the game and ineligible for the place that would otherwise surely be his in the Hall of Fame

There were the allegations of rapes and sexual favors for football recruits at the University of Colorado, which made far more of a splash when they came out than when they were dismissed as unfounded

There was the sexual assault

case against Kobe Bryant that was nightly news until the prosecution dropped the charges when his accuser said she did not want to participate in the trial. The 26-year-old Los Angeles Lakers star has said the sex was consensual, but the woman is pursuing damages in a civil case

Meanwhile, nothing has slowed down Bryant on the court, not uille O'Neal, the departure of coach Phil Jackson, and a Lakers lineup that is a shadow of what it once was.

Hockey wasn't even a shadow. The NHL was shut down, possibly for the 2004-05 season and bevond, when team owners locked out the players to press their demands for a salary cap.

The BALCO investigation, which began the summer before last, goes on still, with recent allegations by the company's founder that he was secretly juicing up the world's fastest couple, Marion Jones and Tim Montgomery, among others in the Olympics, baseball and the NFL.

"It's embarrassing to baseball," one player, Jeff Kent, said of the continuing steroid saga.

For all the sensationalist headlines and federal grand jury leaks, baseball attendance stayed high, except in Montreal, which lost the Expos to Washington, D.C., the first team to move since the Senators became the Texas Rangers in 1971.

The Athens Olympics were also unfazed even as steroids touched the Games from the start, when the top two Greek runners. Kostis Kenteris and Katerina Thanou. faked a motorcycle accident to avoid drug testers. Two dozen athletes got busted for drugs - more than twice the number at Sydney four years earlier - yet that was hailed as a success.

"These were the Games where it became increasingly difficult to cheat and where clean athletes were better protected," IOC chief Jacques Rogge said during the closing ceremony.

They were also the Games that saw Mia Hamm, perhaps the most influential woman in sports since Billie Jean King, retire after leading the U.S. women's soccer team to a gold medal. And they were the Games that saw American Paul Hamm win gymnastics gold when the judges miscalculated the score of a South Korean rival.

Agreeing on a winner continued to elude college football. which once again had a split national championship when Southern California won one trophy and LSU another. And more argument loomed as the year ended, with three teams from major conferences — Southern Cal. Oklahoma and Auburn — undefeated going into the holiday bowl games.

There were more player-fan confrontations in sports, from baseball to basketball, none uglier than the Malice in the Palace between several Indiana Pacers and fans of the Detroit Pistons.

Ron Artest, the first player in that brawl to charge into the stands after a drink was thrown at him, had wanted time off to promote his CD. Now he has the rest of the season off.

Artest became the symbol of some of what is wrong in professional sports, corrupted by too much money, too many untamed egos, too much alcohol. Still, sports are society's escape and a reflection of its values. They have the power to raise aspirations, change lives and cut us down to size, and they did all that this year perhaps more than ever before.



Lance Armstrong was voted The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year for the third straight time after winning his sixth Tour de France.

## Armstrong caps 'special year' with third AP award

BY JIM VERTUNO

AUSTIN, Texas — Even by his lofty standards, Lance Armstrong's return to the mountaintop in 2004 was pretty special.

The question now facing Armstrong is whether he'll return to challenge the Pyrenees and the French Alps again in 2005.

Already recognized as one of the truly inspiring athletes of his generation, Armstrong took his cycling legacy a step further when he won a record-breaking sixth consecutive Tour de France in July.

And for his accomplishment, he was honored Monday as The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year for the third straight year. Armstrong joined Michael Jor-

dan (1991-93) as the only athletes selected by sports writers and broadcasters three straight times since the honor was first awarded in 1931.

"For me it was a special year," Armstrong said. "It's always nice to win the Tour, but this year was special simply because I broke the record and made history."

Armstrong received 51 first-place votes and 312 total points.

Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning was second with 17 first-place votes and 156 points.

The voting reflected Armstrong's return to dominating form in an event where he separated himself so far from the pack there was little question of the outcome.

In 2003, Armstrong struggled to win his fifth Tour de France, capturing cycling's premier event and one of the world's most grueling sporting events by a mere 61 seconds.

It was also the year he got divorced, and he acknowledged that he struggled to balance the pressures of his personal and professional lives. Yet the 33-year-old Texan stormed back in 2004 with arguably his best U.S. Postal Service team and his best individual performance on the bike. He won five individual stages and a sixth with a team time trial in France.

"I certainly feel like I recovered my true strengths. I haven't felt as in control of a Tour as this year," Armstrong said.

While other top riders and rivals such as Tyler Hamilton and Jan Ullrich withered during the punishing race, Armstrong powered on.

But as dominant as Armstrong

was in France, he has yet to commit to going for a seventh title next year. He promises to race again in the Tour de France before he retires, but won't say if it will be next year or 2006.

Armstrong says he's ready to pursue other challenges in racing.

He has dedicated most of his cycling life to the Tour, leaving little room for such Classic races as the Spanish Vuelta, the Paris-Roubaix or Fleche Wallone, which he won in 1996 shortly before being diagnosed with testicular cancer.

But he also knows that it's the Tour de France his American fans want to see him win.

"I could win the Tour of Flanders and I wouldn't win AP Athlete of the Year," he said. Armstrong and his team —

Armstrong and his team which has a new sponsor with the Discovery Channel—will release their schedule in January. Armstrong won't say if he'll race the Tour de France until May.

Whatever his choice, it will be all or nothing. It won't be a case of him riding to help someone else on his team win.

"If I'm going to ride, I'm riding to win. I'm not going to suffer for three weeks not to win," he said. "Tve gotten too used to standing on the Champs Elysees at the

## Consistent performance merits another AP honor for Sorenstam

BY JIM LITKE

She won early and often, and often by overwhelming margins. She won on four continents — in Australia, Sweden and Japan and in six of the 50 United States. She won a major, the most money and a remarkable 10 times in just 20 starts worldwide.

Small wonder then, that what was an average year for golfer Annika Sorenstam was more than good enough to earn her recognition as The Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year for the second year running.

Sorenstam received 40 first-place votes and 263 total points.

Diana Taurasi, who led Connecticut to the NCAA women's basketball title and then captured the WNBA's Rookie of the Year award, finished second. She had 15 first-place votes and 154 points, two more than Russian teen tennis sensation Maria Sharapova.

Consistency has been the hall-mark of Sorenstam's 11-year career in pro golf. Her performance this season wasn't nearly as eventful as 2003, when she won two majors and 11 times on the LPGA Tour, became the first woman since 1945 to play on the PGA Tour, did a star turn on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and entered the Hall of Fame. But incredibly, it was every bit as efficiency and contending the second of the contending the contending the second of the contending the contending the second of the contending the contendi

Sorenstam began it with a win in the ANZ Ladies Masters on Australia's Gold Coast, making up a four-stroke deficit at the midway point by closing with a pair of scintillating 65s. She ended it by edging Cristie Kerr in a play-off in the ADT Championship, the final tournament on the LPGA calendar, with her only victory that didn't come by multiple shots.

In between, Sorenstam wrote a nedook, lifted her profile as an endorser and mixed it up with the
boys a second time in the Skins
Game. She also stayed comfortably atop the world rankings,
locked up a fourth consecutive
LFGA money title — her seventh
in the last 10 years — tied her
scoring average record at 68.7
and led the four in top-10 finishes,
regulation.

"Naturally, I'm pleased with my season in many different ways," Sorenstam said, "and especially because I've played less tournaments and still won so much"

Most important, perhaps, the 3d-year-old Swede proved again that she has to be included in any argument about the most dominant golfer — male or female of this era. Over the last four seasons, Sorenstam has separated herself from her competition even more than either Tiger Woods or Vigy Singh, boosting climbing within striking distance of the record 88 recorded by



AP times

Annika Sorenstam won 10 times in just 20 starts worldwide this year, earning her second straight Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year award.

Kathy Whitworth in a 22-year ca-

"Tm still so far away from it but I've come so far ahead of what I ever thought I would," Sorenstam said earlier this year. "I always said I would continue to play this game while I enjoy it and feel motivated. I just wonder if I can continue on this pace."

But no one should be surprised if she does.

Golfing great Nancy Lopez saw something special in Sorenstam not long after she joined the pro circuit. "There's a calmness about her you don't normally see in young players," Lopez said at the time, and that's still evident watching Sorenstam play now, striding purposefully down the fairway in wraparound sunglassess. But then, as now, the cool, confident exterior masks a competitive desire that burns every bit as brightly as it has in any of the game's greats.

Soon after Australian Karrie Webb knocked Sorenstam off the throne of women's golf at the end of the 2000 season, the Swede re-dedicated herself to the sport with an intensity few believed she possessed. Sorenstam spent the next six weeks practicing nothing the season of the sport of the sp

After a 2002 season that ranked as the most successful by any golder in four decades, the same impulse drove her to accept a sponsor's invitation to play against the men at the Colonial the following year. Sorenstam missed the cut there, but played in front of crowds nearly four times larger than she routinely encounters on the LPGA Tour. She put her that microscope to learn more about her weaknesses than strengths, and those lessons have been paying dividends ever since. In this year's ADT Champion.

ship. Sorenstam missed a 12-foot bride putt on the final hole of regulation to win the to unrament outright, then had to cobble together a bogey on the first extra hole for the victory. She didn't win any style points, but the display of grit was as good a way as any to wrap up another spectacular season.

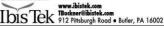
"You're a champion whether you make a bogey or a birdie," Sorenstam said.

"That's the way I look at it "



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## **Conquest:** Sox go from doldrums to delirium

CONQUEST, FROM BACK PAGE

"I just want to get some kids up here!" activities coordinator Lisa Scherber shouted as the patients, too young to understand, watched their parents pose for pictures with the prize. "We've got a lot of adults"

The World Series trophy has been a much-welcomed and well-traveled guest this offseason. And how it got to be that way is the sports story of the year, according to a vote by the newspaper and broadcast members of

The Associated Press.
Boston's first World Series title since 1918 and the unprecedented comeback against the Yankees that made it possible was a runaway winner with 108 first-place votes and 1,325 points.

Lance Armstrong's sixth straight Tour de France title



The New York Yankees won the offseason bidding war for superstar shortstop Alex Rodriguez, above, who was the focal point of a midseason brawl at Fenway Park. But the Red Sox ultimately prevailed by eliminating the Yankees in a historic comeback in the AL championship series. (seven first-place votes, 785 points) finished second and the Indiana Pacers-Detroit Pistons brawl was third (six first-place votes, 662 points).

The New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory and 21-game winning streak was next (zero first-place votes, 498 points), followed by sports' steroid stories (eight first-place votes, 495

Merely winning the Series after an 86-year drought probably would have been enough to make the Red Sox the year's top story.

But the way they did it was one for the ages.

After falling five outs short of the World Series last year and firing their manager because of it, the Red Sox acquired Curt Schilling, the top starting pitcher on the market, and Keith Foulke, the top reliever.

Their pursuit of Alex Rodriguez
— a deal that would have involved
unloading Nomar Garciaparra
and Manny Ramirez — ended late
in 2003. But before spring training got started the reigning AL
MVP went to the hated Yankees
— thanks in part to the groundwork the Red Sox had don't

It seemed like Boston would be New York's runner-up once again. The Red Sox played .500 ball for most of the year, prompting general manager Theo Epstein to trade Garciaparra for shortstop Orlando Cabrera and spare parts Dave Roberts and Doug Mientkiewicz.

But the regular season was, as expected, merely the undercard for a Red Sox-Yankees playoff rematch; for the seventh consecutive year, Boston finished second to New York in the AL East.



Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek celebrates the team's first World Series championship since 1918 with pitcher Keith Foulke (29).

The only indication that things might be different this year was that the Red Sox won 11 of 19 meetings between the teams during the regular season — Boston's first edge in the season series

since 1999.

Boston swept Anaheim in the first round, with designated hitter David Ortiz — "Papi" — hitting a clinching homer in the 10th inning of Game 3. But the Red Sox just as quickly fell behind the Yankees 3-0 in the AL championship series.

No major league team had rallied from a 3-0 deficit to even tie a seven-game series, let alone win it. But the Red Sox, self-proclaimed "idiots," insisted they were too stupid to be intimidated by the gravity of their predica-

ment. Things got more dire when the Yankees took a 4-3 lead into the with inning of the fourth game, with star closer Mariano Rivera on the mound. But he walked Kevin Millar and Roberts, pinch running, stole second before Bill Mueller singled to tie it.

Boston won in the 12th on Ortiz's homer, then won Game 5 less than 24 hours later on his 14th-inning single. The series moved back to Yankee Stadium, where 2003 had ended so disastrously.

The Red Sox sent Schilling to the mound only after season-ending surgery was postponed in favor of a radical and unprecedented procedure to keep him in the rotation. After testing the technique on a cadaver, Dr. Bill Morean stitched a loose tendon in III's had a huge impact on people. It's made them feel good.

Red Sox security guard who

escorts the World Series trophy Schilling's right ankle in place so

it wouldn't flop around when he pitched. With blood soaking through his sock, Schilling beat the Yankees

sock, Schilling beat the Yankees and forced a seventh game. But the only pitcher the Red Sox had left was Derek Lowe, who pitched so poorly in the regular season that he was bumped from the playoff rotation.

Lowe pitched six innings of

one-hit ball, Ortiz homered and Johnny Damon hit a grand slam to help Boston open a 10-3 lead too big even for the Red Sox to blow.

They were going to the World Series.

Their NL opponent was a familiar one: The St. Louis Cardinals had beaten Boston in the 1946 Series and again in '67, both times in seven games. Red Sox fans wondered whether the Series would be a letdown after the emotional victory over the Yankees, and they wer right.

The Cardinals failed to put up a fight this time and the Red Sox would soon be celebrating a sweep in Busch Stadium. Millions turned out for the victory parade as it drove through Boston and into the Charles River on amphibious wobicles.

Those who couldn't see the trophy at the "rolling rally" might still get their chance. The Red Sox promise to bring it to every one of the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts that asks.

If it makes it that long: Already, two of the flags on the trophy have come loose and need to be fixed. But the Red Sox can't bring themselves to take it out of commission that long.

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"Just about everywhere I go, people get very emotional. These people have been waiting a lot longer than I have," said Bill Mullaly, a 30-year-old Red Sox security guard who escorts the trophy on many of its visits.

"It's had a huge impact on people. It's made them feel good."



Boston's improbable triumph this fall got plenty of attention outside the sports world.





#### Notable sports deaths in 2004

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straight national championships from 1968-74. He coached 48 Olympians from nin countries, including 26 gold-medal winners Jan. 5 — Charles Dumas, 66, an Olympi contribution of the contri points and 2.5 rebounds.

Jan. 17 - Harry "The Cat" Brecheen, 89, the former St. Louis Cardinals pitcher who won three games in the 1946 World Series. He was a two-time All-Star during his 12 year-career. He had a 133-92 record with a 2.92 ERA in 11 seasons with the Cardinals and one with the St. Louis Browns.

Jan. 20 — **Don Shinnick**, 68, the NFL's record-holder for career intercentions by a record-holder for career interceptions by a linebacker. Shinnick, who had 37 intercep-tions with the Baltimore Colts from 1957-69 securious for Carter inferceptions by a time with the Salinder of Cust from 1957-49, played on Nrt. title teams in 1958 and 1958. played on Nrt. title teams in 1958 and 1958. On the 1958 and 1958. In 1958 and 1958, and 1958 and 1958 and 1958. And 1958 and 1958 and 1958 and 1958. World Cap. In which Brazil. Earlier in third. World Cap. In which Brazil. Earlier in third. World Cap. In which Brazil. Earlier in third. Salinder is the 1958 and 19 the 1945 Memphis Open as an amateur.

Jan. 28 — Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch, 80, an NFL Hall of Famer and later athletic director. NFL Hall of Famer and later athletic director at the University of Wisconsin. He earned his nickname for his running style as a half back and receiver for the Los Angeles Rams from 1949-57. His best season was 1951 when he led the NFL with 66 catches for 1,495 yards and 17 touchdowns. He was Wisconsin's athletic director from 1969-87.

Jan. 31 — Eleanor Holm Whalen, 91, a two-time swimming cold areas of the swimming cold areas. two-time swimming gold medalist in the 1932 Olympics. Whalen was dismissed from the U.S. Olympic team in 1936 because she

the U.S. Olympic team in 1936 because sine was caught drinking champagne and shooting dice on the ocean liner en route to Europe. Whalen, who won 21 U.S. swimming titles, never returned as a competitor. Feb. 3 – Richard Dennis Powell, 92, one of the last surviving executives of the Negro the last surviving executives of the Negro Leagues. Powell was the business and general manager of Baltimore's Elite Glants, one of black baseballs most popular teams in the 1930s and 1940s. Fig. 9 — **Michael Rowland**, 41, a Jockey with nearly 4,000 victories, died from injureb. 9 — Michael Rowland, 41, a jockey with nearly 4,000 victories, died from inju-ries in a spill at Turfway Park on Feb. 4. Feb. 10 — Hub Kittle, 86, pitching coach for the 1982 World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals.

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Feb. 22 — Andy Seminick, 83, a catcher on

the NL pennant. Seminick spent 12 seasons with the Phillies and three with Cincinnati buring the championship season, Seminick batted, 288 with 24 home runs and 68 RBIs. March 2 — Marge Schott, 75, the tough-talking, chain-smoking owner of the Cincinnati Reds who won a World Series and was repeatedly suspended for offensive re-

narks. March 6 — **Val Pinchbeck Jr.,** 73, a long-ime NFL executive who was once one of time NFL executive who was once one of Pete Rozelle's chief advisers, Pinchbeck was the NFL's head of broadcasting and was a li-alson with networks and instrumental in as-sembling the schedule.

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March 14 - Norb Hecker, 76, the first head

coach of the Atlanta Falcons and winner of eight championship rings in the NFL. As coach of the Falcons from 1956-68, Hecker compiled a 4-26-1 record. He won three rings under Vince Lombard in the 1950s, then coached defensive backs and linebackers at San Francisco during flour championship seaback and receiver for the 1951 Los Angeles Rams.

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Boston Red Sox to the World Series in 1975. Johnson went 220-188 during 2½ seasons with the Red Sox from 1974-76. Johnson also managed the Seattle Mariners from 1977-80, compiling a 226-362 record, and was 26-40 during part of the 1982 season with Texas. during part of the 1982 Season with rexas. May 14 – Torsten Johansson, 84, Swedish tennis star who set a record by shutting out two opponents at Wimbledon in 1946, Jo-hansson won more than 100 national titles for the Royal Tennis Club in the 1940s, a second that titll stands.

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May 16 – John Frank Patterson, 83, Hall of Fame harness racing trainer and driver. Patterson trained and raced multiple Patterson trained and raced multiple world-record holder Overtrick, who won the Little Brown Jug — one of the sport's major races — in 1963 in Delaware, Ohio. He also raced Merrie Annabelle, who set four world records and in 1958 in Lexington, Ky., berecords and in 1958 in Lexington, Ky, Ibe-came the first filly to run a mile in 2 minutes. May 20 — Gary Ballman, 63, Pro Bowl play-er for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 1960s. Ballman starred at Michigan State before playing halfback and receiver for the Steel-ers from 1962-1966, making the Pro Bowl the May 27 — Alberander Biblios Woodsteelers

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eight consecutive seasons and selected to nine Pro Bowls.

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July 3 — Carl James, 75, former Big Eight commissioner and Duke and Maryland athletic director. James became athletic direc-tor at Maryland and Duke before taking over as commissioner of the Big Eight Conference in 1980. He retired in 1996 after helping to add four Texas schools to what became the Big 12 Conference. 33, two-time India-napolis 500 champion. Ward won in 1959 and 1952, during a skryear span in which te fin-ished no worse than tourth. All-Star who helped the Lakers reach the NBA Finals three times in the early 1960s. A forward, he started with the Lakers in Minne

forward, he started with the Lakers in Minne-apolis in 1959 and moved with the team to rebounds over a 10-year career, July 11 – Joe Gold, 81, founder of Gold's Gym that became known worldwide in the sport of bodybuilding and drew the likes of established World Gym, which Schwarzeneg-ger endorsed.

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July 24 – Lowell "Cotton" Fitzsimmons, 72, winner of 832 games in 21 seasons as an NBA coach. Fitzsimmons had coaching stints with Phoenix, Atlanta, Buffalo, Kansas City and San Antonio. He had a 832-775 (518) d in the NBA, ranking him 10th in ca

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a 45-56 record.
Aug. 3 — **Bob Murphy**, 79, Hall of Fame broadcaster for the New York Mets from the team's inception in 1952 until his retirement after the 2003 season. Murphy worked as a basehall broadcaster for 50 years, starting with the Boston Red Sox in 1954 and then moving to the Baltimore Orioles in 1950. moving to the Baltimore Orioles in 1960. Aug. 6 – Phil Johnson, 78, Hall of Fame trainer who won the 2002 Breeders? Cup Classic with long shot Volponi. Johnson bred, owned and trained Volponi, who won the \$4 million BC Classic at Arlington Park in Arlington to Heights, Ill., at 43: 1 odds. It was the big-part of Johnson's 64-plus year training pareer.

Career. Aug. 10 – James Stillman Rockefeller. 102, the oldest-known U.S. Olympic medal winner. He was the captain of Yale's eight-man rowing team with coxswain that won gold in the 1924 Paris Olympics. Aug. 10 – Alan N. Cohen, 73, former co-owner of the Boston Cettics and New Jersey Nets and chairman of Madison Square Garden.

Garden.
Aug. 11 — Joe Falls, 76, a longtime sports writer for The Detroit News and a member of writer for The Detroit News and a member of the Baseball Hall of Fame. Aug. 12 — George Yardley, 75, a former member of the Defroit Pistons who became the first player in the NBA to score 2,00 points in a season. In seven NBA season, the 6-foot-5 Yardley made the All-Star team

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Aug. 16 — Iwan Hilinka, 54, a former Pittsburgh Penguints coach who led the Czech Republic to a gold medal in the 1998 Nagano Olympics, Hillinka played on Czechoslova characteristic in the six of the coache of the six of the characteristic in the six of the characteristic in the six of the championship in 72, 76 and 77. He was also on the team that won bronze in the 1972 Olympics in Sapporo, Japan, and silver in Aug. 23 — Hank Borowy, 98, the last pitcher to get four decisions in a World Series. Borowy helped pitch the New York Yankees to the 1943 World Series championship and two years later went 2-2 with the Chicago two years later went 2-2 with the Chicago clubs. In 1945, he pitched a shutout against betroit in Game 1, started and lost Game 5, won in relief the next day and then was knocked out in the first inning of the decid-ing game at Wrigley Field. The right-hander was 108-82 with a 3.50 ERA from 1942-51 with the Yankees, Cubs. Philadelphia Phillies,

the Yankees, Cuss, Pilliaueipina riiiio-Pittsburgh and Detroit. Sept. 5 — John "Red" Cochran, 82, a scout and former NF. Dlayer and assistant coach who spent 42 years with the Green Bay Pack-ers. Originally brought to Green Bay Vince Lombardi in 1959, Cochran worked 12 wears as an assistant for the Packers and years as an assistant for the Packers and least 30 as a scout. Sept. 9 — Rosie Bacioch, 89, female base ball pioneer, Gacloch joined the All-American Girls Baseball League in 1944 and played for the Rockford Peaches from 1945-54. She led the league in triples in 1958, as an out-fielder and became a pitcher in 1948, win-

fielder and became a pitcher in 1948, win-ning 20 games in 1951. Sept. 13 — **Tamas Szechy**, 73, Hungariar swimming coach. Szechy's swimmers wor 15 Olympic medals. Between 1972 and the 1996 Atlanta Games, swimmers trained by 1996 Atlanta Games, swimmers trained by Szechy won eight Olympic ool medals, tour sliver and three bronze. In world champion-ships between 1973 and 1988, his swimmers won 21 medals, including 12 golds such properties of the properties of the properties won 21 medals, including 12 golds are the period to the properties of the properties to the period to the properties of the properties 29 years as a football coach and arthretic rector at Eastern Kentucky. Sept. 23 — Billy Reay, 86, a player on two Staffley Cup Championship teams with Mont-

real and the winningest coach in Chicago Blackhawks history. Reay became the Black-hawks' coach in 1963 after coaching the Tor-onto Maple Leafs for two seasons in the late onto Mapie Leafs for two seasons if the late 1950s. He posted 516 wins, finished first six times and made three appearances in the Stanley Cup finals. Reay played 10 seasons in the NHL, two with the Detroit Red Wings to the NHL, two with the Detroit Red Wings team with the Stanley Cup in 1946 and 1953. Sept. 26 — Dean Kutz, 48, a jockey who rode more than 2,800 winners during almost 30 years at tracks in the Upper Midwest and Kertucky, Kutz, won 2,855 races, and his Nemucky. Kutz won 2,835 races and his mounts earned more than \$33.6 million. Sept. 28 — Lewis A. Roney, 82, a member of Wyoming's 1943 NCAA basketball champion-ship team. Roney lettered in 1942 and was a member of the 1943 team that went 31-2 and beat Georgetown for the national title.
Sept. 28 — Christi Cranz-Borchers, 90, a
two-time Olympic gold medal skier for Ger. many. Cranz won 12 world titles and three silver medals, along with two golds in the 1936 Olympics. She remains Germany's most decorated woman skier. Sept. 29 — Gertrude Dunn, 72, the 1952 Rookle of the Year of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League and a member of the U.S. Field Hockey Hall of Fame, In 1952 Dunn was voted rookie of the year after leading her baseball team to the championship. After the league folded in 1954, she attended West Chester University, where she played on the U.S. national field hockey and la-

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pt. 30 — Mildred McDaniel Singleton, 70 mpic gold medalist and one of the Sept. 30 — Musto-dailst and one of Olympic good medailst and one of Olympic good medailst and one of the Sept. 30 gleton won a gold medail in the high jump the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia Singleton jumped 5 feet, 9¼ inches to which a world record. Sing Singleton jumped is Teet, 194 inches to win the gold and establish a world record. Single ton was the U.S. women's high jump champi-on in 1953, 1955 and 1956, and the indoor champion in 1955 and 1956. Oct. 2 – Nick Skorich, 83, coach of the Phil-adelphia Eagles from 1961-63 and the offen-sive line coach on the 1960 championship

sive fline Coach on the 1960 championship team. Skorich was associated with the NFL as a player, coach and supervisor of officials for more than 50 years. Skorich was hired as coach of the Cleveland Browns in 1971. He coach with Philadelphia and Cleveland. Oct. 2 – Norm Schachter, 50, refered the first Super Bow and the first "Monday Night Football" game. His NFL career began in at \$100 a game with a ourantee of seven at \$100 a game with a guarantee of seven games. The weekend job went on to last 22 years. He worked three Super Bowls and 11

years. He worked three Super Bowls and III conference championship games. Oct. 6 – Johnny Kelley, 91, a two-time Boston Marathon champion who became a belowed figure by running It a record 61 times, Kelley, a former Olympian and member of the USA Track Field, National Distance Running and Road Runners Club of America halls of fame, won America's Albert Park hing and Roba Rufflers (100 of America halls of fame, won America's oldest mara-thon in 1935 and 1945 and finished second a record seven times. He was 84 when he ran his last Boston Marathon. Kelley completed 58 Boston Marathons, also a record, and had 18 finishes in the top 10.

Oct. 10 — **Ken Caminiti**, 41, the 1996 NL

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Oct. 20 — Chuck Hiller, 70, former majo league inflielder who hit the Nationa League's first grand slam in a World Series His grand slam in Game 4 of the 1962 World Series off New York Yankees pitcher Mar shall Bridges snapped a seventh-inning tie and lifted the San Francisco Giants to a 7-3 and litted the San Francisco Glants to a 7-3 victory. Hiller played for four teams in eight seasons and batted 243 with 20 home runs and 152 RBIs.
Oct. 26 — Bobby Avila, 78, a three-time All-Star who won the American Leadue batting title 3 feet.

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## Badgers smother No. 18 Tide, extend streak

MADISON, Wis. - Wisconsin's Alando Tucker missed last year's game against Alabama because of a foot injury

He made up for it Wednesday night. Tucker had 21 points and seven re-bounds for the Badgers as they stifled No. 18 Alabama's high-powered offense in a 76-62 victory Wednesday night that extended the nation's longest home winning

streak to 36 games The game was the Big Ten's best defense - Wisconsin giving up just 56 points a game - against the Southeastern Conference's best offense — Alabama averaging better than 86 points

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The Crimson Tide (10-2) couldn't recover from a first half that saw the Badgers (9-2) take a 33-23 lead Alabama scored on

seven straight possessions to open the second half and cut the lead to 42-37, but Wisconsin built its lead back to double figures and then held the Crimson Tide scoreless for almost 3 minutes after Ronald Steele's basket had made it 54-46 with 6:18 left.

Tucker's three-pointer gave the Badgers a 65-48 lead, their biggest of the game, and

Wisconsin cruised from there. Tucker was one of four Badgers to finish in double figures. Mike Wilkinson hit his first three shots to start the game as Wisconsin never trailed and finished with 15 points. Zach Morley had 13 points and seven rebounds, while Sharif Chambliss scored 11 points.

"If they're trying to key on any one person, we're just going to find the open guy and take good shots," Wilkinson said. "I think that's a big advantage. We have a bunch of guys that can knock down shots when we need it instead of just one or two go-to guys.

Alabama came in shooting almost 50 per cent from the field, but the Crimson Tide made less than one third of their shots in



Alabama's Chuck Davis is trapped by Wisconsin's Mike Wilkinson, left, and Brian Butch during the first half Wednesday in Madison, Wis. Wisconsin defeated Alabama 76-62.

the first half

Coach Mark Gottfried said Wisconsin frustrated his Crimson Tide and didn't allow them to march up and down the court like they've been accustomed. Ala-

bama didn't score a point on a fast break. "All of a sudden, it's a different tempo for us and we didn't handle that very well and got impatient and had a really poor first half," Gottfried said.

Chuck Davis typified Alabama's night offensively. He made two of his first eight shots, turned it around to score 10 points in the Crimson's Tide's run to open the second half and then cooled off the rest of the way. He finished with 18 points and seven rebounds, while Kennedy Winston also had 18 points for the Crimson Tide.

"You're not going to get easy baskets. You're not going to be able to get yourself rolling by getting layups," Davis said. "You're just going to have to make shots, and tonight was not a night in which we made our shots."

The Badgers haven't lost at Kohl Center since Dec. 4, 2002, when Wake Forest beat them 90-80

No. 8 Kentucky 82, Campbell 50: At Lexington, Ky., freshman center Randolph Morris had a career-high 25 points on 11-for-14 shooting and coach Tubby Smith won his 200th game at Kentucky

Kelenna Azubuike added 14 points for the Wildcats (9-1), who won their fifth straight game.

Anthony Atkinson had 14 points for the Fighting Camels (2-7), who have lost 39 of their last 40 road games.

Smith is 200-53 in eight seasons at Kentucky and 324-115 in 14 seasons overall with the Wildcats, Georgia and Tulsa. He is the fourth coach to win at least 200 games at Kentucky, joining Adolph Rupp, Joe B Hall and Rick Pitino

No. 10 Pittsburgh 72. South Carolina

68: Chevon Troutman scored 20 points, in cluding the go-ahead basket with 2:37 remaining, to keep the Panthers unbeaten. Carl Krauser had six free throws in the final minute for Pittsburgh (10-0), which won its 48th straight non-conference home

Carlos Powell and Josh Gonner each scored 15 points for the Gamecocks (7-3), who were 2-for-11 from three-point range

No. 15 Texas 100, Texas-San Antonio 82: At Austin, Texas, P.J. Tucker scored 19 of his 21 points in the second half and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Long-

The Longhorns (9-2) fell behind 70-66 midway through the second half on David President's lavup. But Tucker then scored six points in an 11-1 run that gave Texas the lead for good. The Longhorns then went on a 14-4 run to put the game away.

The Longhorns tied the school record with 13 blocked shots led by Jason Klotz's seven. Texas outrebounded UTSA 34-29.

Justin Harbert led Texas-San Antonio (4-5) with 25 points. He was 10-for-12 from the field, including 5-for-7 on three-pointand almost single-handedly kept UTSA within reach.

West Virginia 71, No. 20 George Washington 65: At Morgantown, W.Va., Mike Gansey scored 19 points and D'or Fischer added 14 as the Mountaineers improved to 9-0 for the first time in 44 years.

T.J. Thompson and J.R. Pinnock each had 14 points for the Colonials (8-2), who had theirs eight-game winning streak snapped and were held below 70 points for the first time this season.

No. 23 Michigan St. 92, N.C.-Asheville 63: Paul Davis and Kelvin Torbert led a balanced offense with 15 points each for the host Spartans (8-2), who shot 56.4 per-cent from the field and led by as many as 37 points in their only game in a 15-day span. Omar Collington and Steven Rush each

had 14 points for the Bulldogs (3-7), who committed 21 turnovers, 13 on Michigan State steals

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#### U.S. loses first Juniors game in two years 1. advising them about making The Associated Press cludes Russia (2-1), the Czech Re-

GRAND FORKS, N.D. - The United States was unable to rally from a four-goal deficit and lost 5-3 to Belarus in pool play of the International Ice Hockey Federa tion World Junior Hockey Championship on Wednesday night, the Americans' first loss in the tournament in two years.

The defending champion U.S.

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team had won eight straight games in the tournament. with its last coming against Fin-

land in the bronze medal game two years ago. "I thought they played a great

game," U.S. coach Scott Sandelin said of Belarus. "They took advantage of our mistakes. I thought we had a lot of turnovers tonight."

Relarus had lost its last three games and had been outscored

In other games on Wednesday, the Czech Republic beat Switzerland 5-2. Finland rallied to defeat Sweden 5-4, and Slovakia defeated Germany 5-0.

The loss dropped the United States to 2-1 in the group that in-

public (2-1) Switzerland (1-2) and Belarus (1-3). The Americans finish pool play against the Czechs on Thursday.

#### Phelps sentenced to probation SALISBURY, Md. - Olympic

swimming champion Michael Phelps was sentenced to 18 months' probation Wednesday after pleading guilty to drunken Lloyd O. Whitehead

granted Phelps probation before judgment, meaning his record will be expunged if he follows the terms of probation. Phelps pleaded guilty to driving while impaired, and prosecutors dropped charges of driving under the influence, underage drinking and failure to stop at a stop sign.

"I recognize the seriousness of this mistake," Phelps told the judge in a packed courtroom. "I've learned from this mistake and will continue learning from this mistake for the rest of my

The 19-year-old Phelps was fined \$250, must attend a meeting sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and must give speeches at three schools by June

choices and warning them about the dangers of alcohol

#### Pacers O'Neal back in court

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Indiana forward Jermaine O'Neal will go before a federal judge on Thursday to see if he can continue playing for the Pacers. If the ruling goes against him, and O'Neal returns to the suspended list, he said he'll accept it.

"I got to," O'Neal said Wednesday. "It will be hard. I'll be disappointed, but I'll put it in God's hands. I've got a lot of faith.

Originally suspended by NBA commissioner David Stern for 25 games for fighting with fans dur-ing the Nov. 19 Pacers-Pistons brawl, an arbitrator reduced the ban to 15 games. The NBA then challenged arbitrator Roger Kaplan's authority to hear O'Neal's grievance, and a federal judge temporarily upheld Kaplan's ruling last week, allowing O'Neal to play.

Both sides will be back in court Thursday in New York, where Judge George B. Daniels will consider the merits of the NBA's lawsuit and whether O'Neal will have to serve the remaining 10 games of his suspension.

## **Buckeyes** blow out **Cowboys** in Alamo Bowl

By T.A. BADGER The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO - Justin Zwick hardly looked like a quarterback who had been on the bench for more than two months.

Zwick replaced suspended starter Troy Smith and threw for 189 yards and a touchdown in his first action for Ohio State since Oct. 16. and Ted Ginn Jr. and Lvdell Ross each scored Wednesday night as the 24th-ranked Buckeyes defeated Oklahoma State 33-7 to win the Alamo Bowl.

"Justin did an excellent job and did what was asked of him," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said. "I told someone that Justin was play-

ing as best as he's ever played.' Zwick, who lost the starting job to fellow sophomore Smith after the sixth game of the regular season, completed 17 of 27 passes despite a mild hamstring pull.

"If any of you have played with a pulled hamstring, well, it's pret-ty painful," Tressel said. "Justin did an excellent job."

Zwick, who rode a stationary bicycle on the sideline so his hamstring didn't tighten, wasn't about to pass on the chance to end the

season on a positive note. "You've got to go back in," he

said. "I just did what I had to." The Buckeyes went 3-3 under Zwick before he injured a shoulder in a loss to Iowa. Smith stepped in and led Ohio State (8-4) to victories in four of its last five regular-season games

But Smith was suspended for the Alamo Bowl by the team last week after university officials said he accepted an unspecified gift from a team booster - a violation of NCAA rules

Tressel declined to talk about what's next for the football program, which has been marred this season by a series of arrests



Ohio State freshman Ted Ginn (7) had 78 vards receiving, 40 rushing and one touchdown to lead Ohio State's 33-7 victory on Wednesday.

and allegations by former star player Maurice Clarett that players routinely took cash gifts from

"I'm happy for the team and excited for the future," Tressel said.

Ginn, a freshman with dazzling speed, caught six passes for 78 yards and rushed for 40 yards and a touchdown. Ross rushed for 99 yards on 12 carries, and Mike Nugent kicked four field goals to become Ohio State's career scoring leader.

Ohio State took advantage of two early turnovers, then stifled the Cowboys (7-5).

Oklahoma State quarterback Donovan Woods completed 15 of 34 passes for 137 yards and rushed for 80 yards. Vernand Morency, who entered the game eighth in Division I-A rushing with 1,474 yards, was limited to 24 vards on eight carries.

On the first series, Woods underthrew receiver Chiman Mack and the pass was picked off by linebacker Bobby Carpenter. Three plays later, Zwick hit a diving Anthony Gonzalez with a 23-vard touchdown nass

After a 37-yard field goal by Nugent, the Cowboys were driving when Woods lost his grip on the ball near midfield while trying to run up the middle. Defensive lineman Joel Penton recovered and Nugent capped the drive with a 35-yard field goal to give Ohio State a 13-0 lead with nearly six

minutes to go in the first quarter. 'We could not move the football or protect our passer effectively," Cowboys coach Les Miles said. "It was difficult for [Woods] to throw

In the second, with the Buck-eyes at midfield, Zwick threw a screen pass to Ginn on the left side and the Cowboys cornered him for what looked like a modest

But Ginn eluded three defenders and broke back to the right sideline for a 42-yard pickup to Oklahoma State's 9. Ross capped the 78-yard drive by scoring from the 1 and making it 20-0.

"I try to make something out of nothing if I get trapped," Ginn said. "You've always got to keep your feet moving. You're always moving forward — that's what we've been taught."

When Nugent made the extra point following Ross' touchdown, he passed Pete Johnson as the Buckeyes' career scoring leader with 356 points.

Oklahoma State got into Ohio State territory for the first time on their final series of the first half, but the drive ended with Jason Ricks missing a 42-yard field-goal attempt.

Early in the third, Cowboys safety Jamie Thompson recovered a fumble by fullback Branden Joe at the Ohio State 34. A 17-yard run by Prentiss Elliott moved the ball to the 9, but the Buckeyes defense stiffened.

On fourth and long, Oklahoma State tried a run off a fake field goal, but the play was stopped 6 vards short of the end zone

## Utah QB Smith might pass up senior season

BY DOUG ALDEN The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Utah quarterback Alex Smith knows his prospects as an NFL draft pick can't get much better even if he returns for his final collegiate season

He was a Heisman Trophy finalist, the first in Utah history. and led the Utes to an 11-0 regular-season record and a Fiesta Bowl berth. He has also completed two-thirds of his passes while throwing for 28 touchdowns and just four interceptions.

Smith received his undergraduate degree last spring, so sticking around for a senior year might not make much sense. He plans to decide in a couple of weeks.

"Can I improve myself that much? Can I get better over the year? Can I help my stock? That's kind of what this is going to come down to." Smith said Wednesday. "Would it be better for me to leave now? Those are the things that are going to have to get weighed.'

It will be very difficult for Smith to top this season, although the same could have been said a year ago when he went 9-1 after taking over as the starter.

This season, Smith has completed 185 of 280 passes for 2,624 vards and will cap his season Saturday in the Fiesta Bowl against Pittsburgh. And as the leader of a spread offense that got Utah into the Bowl Championship Series game. Smith has reluctantly been the headliner of the "BCS Busters," as the Utes have proudly been calling themselves this month

Smith actually laughed off speculation early this fall that this could be his final college season.



Utah junior Alex Smith ranks second in Division I-A in passer rating (174.9) and third in vards per attempt (9.37) this season.

but now it doesn't seem so outra-

About the only thing going against Smith is his weight. At 6 feet 4, he's happy when he weighs 210 nounds. As much as he eats and lifts, that's about as heavy as he's been able to get, despite two years of trying to bulk up from the 180 pounds he weighed as a freshman.

"I look at the improvement l made over this last offseason and just imagine if I can make that same gain where I would be," Smith said. "Gathering information this last month has kind of been crazy as well. Who knows

Smith petitioned the NFL to find his projected draft position but hasn't received a response yet.

If he's projected as a high pick he will likely enter the draft and leave the Lites in the hands of Joe Johnson, a freshman who has played little as backup this season.

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### Klatt rallies Colorado past UTEP BY JOEL ANDERSON

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - Joel Klatt threw for 333 yards and two touchdowns and Mason Crosby kicked four field goals, leading Colorado to a 33-28 victory over Texas-El Paso in the Houston Bowl on Wednesday night.

Klatt keyed a fourth-quarter comeback by the plodding Buffaloes (8-5), who tried to keep pace with UTEP, which is ranked eighth in the nation in scoring offense Colorado led 3-0 midway through the first quarter and trailed until seizing the lead late in the game.

Facing fourth and 3 at its own 35. Colorado used a bit of trickerv. Punter John Torp raced 22

fake punt for the first down. Two plays later, Klatt threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Evan Judge for the go-ahead score with 8:43 left.

Klatt was flattened by UTEP defensive end Ihok Ihok as he released the ball and didn't realize what happened until teammates helped him off the turf.

"I couldn't tell you happened," Klatt said. "The linemen told me [about the score] when they picked me up." Klatt completed 24 of 33 pass-es, five to Joel Klonfenstein for

134 yards. Bobby Purify rushed 80 yards on 22 carries.

Colorado's first bowl victory since the 1999 Insight.com Bowl capped an improbable turnaround for the Buffaloes, who went through an offseason of scandal and turmoil. Gary Barnett's program was

the target of sexual assault claims dating to 1997, followed by an investigation that discovered sex. alcohol and drugs were used as recruiting tools, although there was no evidence that university officials sanctioned it. Then, Barnett was put on three months of administrative leave for making insensitive remarks about two accusers including a former kicker who was raped by a teamsaid she

mate in 2000. Jordan Palmer, the younger brother of former Heisman win-ner Carson Palmer of Southern Cal, completed his first eight pass es for 120 yards as UTEP (8-4) raced out to an early 14-3 lead.

## James elbowed out of **Cavs' loss to Rockets**

CLEVELAND - One night before his 20th birthday, LeBron James did not feel like partying. Cleveland's star forward didn't

play in the second half on Wednesday night after bruising a bone near his left eye when he was accidentally struck in the face by Houston's Dikembe Mutombo late in the first half.

The Rockets went on to win 98-87, led by 34 points from Tracy McGrady and 20 from Yao Ming

James was moving across the lane when he was accidentally leveled by Mutombo, whose elbows have hit more than a few NBA

players over the years.
"I warned him before the game to watch out," said Cleveland guard Eric Snow, who played with Mutombo in Philadelphia. "I've seen him take out teammates and opponents. Those things are dangerous."

James, who was taken to the Cleveland Clinic for X-rays and a CT scan, fractured his left cheekbone and sustained a mild concussion. He wasn't available for comment after returning from the hos-

James will wear a mask to protect a broken bone in his face, but Cavaliers coach Paul Silas said Thursday he hopes the reigning NBA Rookie of the Year won't miss any games

"I never saw him." Mutombo said. "The next thing I know, boom, he was laying on the floor. I hone it's not too had '

McGrady scored 22 points in the second half and 12 in the fourth quarter to help Houston snap a five-game road losing

Pistons 107, Wizards 105: At Washington, Chauncey Billups hit a 14-foot jumper with 0.7 seconds left to give Detroit a come-from-behind victory. The Pistons overcame a 19-point first-half deficit and trailed by 15 in the third quarter



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Billuns scored 10 of his season-high 32 points in the final five minutes, and Rasheed Wallace had 12 of his 23 in the final quar-

Gilbert Arenas scored 34 points, and Larry Hughes had 30 to go with seven assists and six steals for the Wizards.

Pacers 74, Bobcats 71: At Charlotte, N.C., Jermaine O'Neal had 24 points and 17 rebounds and Indiana won back-to-back games for the second time this month.

In the three games he's played since an arbitrator reduced his 25-game suspension to 15, O'Neal has 61 points and 35 rebounds He was to go before a federal judge Thursday in New York to learn if he can continue to play or if he must sit out the final 10 games of the suspension for his part in the Pacers-Pistons brawl last month

Emeka Okafor had his 17th consecutive double-double with 16 points and 15 rebounds for Char-

Suns 107. Hornets 96: At New Orleans, the NBA's worst team put a scare into the league's best. The Hornets (2-26) pulled within 98-93 with 56 seconds to go, but Quentin Richardson answered for Phoenix with his team-record ninth three-pointer.

Richardson finished with 31 points and 11 rebounds, and Steve Nash had 22 points and nine assists as the Suns improved to 25-4

J.R. Smith scored a career-high 23 points for New Orleans.

Bucks 111, Magic 105: At Orlando, Fla., Michael Redd scored 29 points and Dan Gadzuric had 15 points and a career-high 14 rebounds for Milwaukee, which had only 11 players in uniform because of injuries

Steve Francis had 24 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists for Orlando. Grant Hill added 26 points for the Magic.

Knicks 100, Timberwolves 87: At New York, Stephon Mar-bury took over down the stretch and finished with 32 points and 11

assists for the Knicks.

Marbury scored 15 points in the final quarter, including all of the Knicks' points during a 9-2 run that gave New York a 94-85

lead with 1:46 to go. Kurt Thomas limited Kevin Garnett to 17 - more than six below his average. Latrell Sprewell added 22 points and

Sam Cassell 20 for Minnesota. Grizzlies 117, Celtics 109: At Memphis, Tenn., Pau Gasol had 24 points and 11 rebounds, and Memphis rallied in the final period.

After trailing most of the game, the Grizzlies went on an 18-3 run to begin the fourth quarter and take a 101-97 lead. Memphis also got 18 points from Bonzi Wells.

The Celtics were led by Raef LaFrentz with 28 points.

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MILWAUKEE — Mason 7-14 7-8 21, Pa-chulla 3-9 3-6 9, Gadzuric 6-9 3-4 15, Redd 12-19 4-4 29, M.Williams 6-11 4-4 16, Fizer 2-5 1-2 5, Gill 2-64-4 8, James 2-9 1-2 6, Hamilton 1-2 0-0 2, House 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 27-34

111. ORLANDO — Hill 12-20 2-3 26, Howard 4-7 3-3 11, Battle 4-7 0-0 8, Mobley 6-11 2-3 17, Francis 7-15 10-12 24, Garrity 0-4 0-1 0, Turko-glu 6-12 0-0 13, Nelson 1-7 0-0 2, Augmon 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 42-85 17-22 105. 33 23 30 25-111 26 24 27 28-105

Three-Point Goals—Milwaukee 2-6 (Redd 1-1, James 1-4, Pachulia 0-1), Orlando 4-15 (Mobley 3-6, Turkojul 1-3, Francis 0-1, Nei son 0-2, Garrity 0-3), Fouled out—M.Will-led (Molardo 1), Francis 1-4, Nei 1-4), Orlando 25 (Francis 12), Assists—Milwau-kee 22 (Pachulia 6), Orlando 21 (Francis 9), Total fouls—Milwaukee 25, Orlando 24, Tech-nicalis—Pachulia, Fizer, Battle. A—14,438 (17,248).

#### Knicks 100. Timberwolves 87

#### Suns 107, Hornets 96

PHOENIX — Richardson 11-23 0-0 31, Marl-on 2-12 5-6 9, Stoudemire 6-12 3-4 15, Nash 8-11 4-4 22, Johnson 6-16 0-0 12, Jacobsen 1-3 0-0 3, Hunter 4-52-3 10, Outlaw 1-2 1-3 3, Bar-bosa 1-4 0-0 2, Totals 40-88 15-20 107. bosa 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 40-88 15-20 107. NEW ORLEANS — Nalion 6-14 0-0 12, Freije 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 7-11 4-4 18, Dickau 3-10 1-2 8, Smith 10-15 0-0 23, Davis 6-17 2-2 18, Anders-en 4-6 0-0 8, Nachbar 2-6 2-2 7, Edwards 1-2 0-2. Totals 39-83 9-109 6. Phoenix — See 18-80 1

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#### Pacers 74. Bobcats 71

Charlotte 15 19 18-71 Three-Point Goals—Indiana 3-12 (Johnson 2-2, Tinsiey 1-3, Charlotte 3-10, Glass) 2-2, Tinsiey 1-3, Charlotte 3-10 (Glass) 2-4, Samith 1-2, Bogans 6-1, Hart 6-1, Kaponn 6-1, Hart Warriors 111. Raptors 105

TORONTO — Bosh 49 45 12, EWilliams 1-3 0-02, Araujo 4-5 5-6 13, Peterson 5-110-0 12, Alston 7-13 0-0 16, Rose 9-15-3-5 23, Mar-shall 5-100-0 13, Murray 2-92-2 6, Bonner 2-0 0-0 4, Palacio 1-3 2-2 4, As Williams 0-0 0-0 Totals 40-83 16-20 105. GOLDEN STATE — Murphy 5-13 6-6 17, OLDEN STATE — Murphy 5-13 6-5 17, DURIEWS 10-20 105. Graph STATE — Murphy 5-13 6-5 17, DURIEWS 10-15 5-6 29, RODINSON 48-0-11, JRIChardson 12-19-312 35, Fisher 6-144-41 7, Petrus 40-0, Foyle 0-2-0-0, Nojera 0-4-145 38-83 24-28 111. Toronto

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#### Cooper drills Nuggets on hard work, defense point, Bryon Russell, Marcus The Associated Press "As Pat Riley once said, 'If you

DENVER - Michael Cooper

egan his first day as coach of the Denver Nuggets with a team meeting, giving each player a frank assessment of his role now that Cooper is running the show.

Then he took his players onto the practice court to work on defense

If Day 1 is any indication, the Nuggets can expect a lot of unflinching honesty and demand for hard work - especially on defense - from their new coach.

They can also expect him to push them to be more than just a little above average, which is pretty much the best the Nuggets franchise has ever been.

don't talk about being a champion, you'll never be a champion. said the former Los Angeles Lakers star, who won five NBA titles, four with Riley as his coach. Cooper also coached the Los Angeles Snarks of the WNBA to two cham-

nionshins. Most of the discussion will revolve around defense, just as most of Denver's first practice

did Wednesday. At the end, with Cooper kneel-

ing on one knee, the Nuggets went through the "Shell Drill," a contest in which points came easier by making stops on defense than making baskets on offense. Bodies were flying — at one Camby and Andre Miller all went down in a heap. Earlier in the workout, guard Greg Buckner left with a groin strain.

"The first practice was short, but it was competitive," Carmelo Anthony said. "It was hard and to the point."

Miller said the Nuggets are still getting used to Cooper on this, the day after Jeff Bzdelik's midseason firing. The point guard did, however, say he appreciated Cooper's candor during the meeting before practice.

"Coach let the people know right to their face what he expects of them," Miller said. "There were no hidden agendas. That's how it should be."

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## 2004: Trials, tribulations and triumph

## From Sox to scandal, this year was extraordinary

The Associated Press

ure shots, long shots and once-in-a-lifetime shots — 2004 had them all.

It was an over-the-top, out-of-control year, sensational in both its glorious and scandalous senses.

Halley's Comet comes around every 76 years. The Boston Red Sox hadn't won the World Series in 86 years.

Nobody ever won a World Series or even a league championship down 0-3 in games, much less three outs from a sweep

A gutsy bettor with blind faith in the Red Sox could have made millions plunking down dough on them at that particularly bleak moment when a sweep by their ancient and annual enemy, the New York Yankees, seemed inevitable.

It took a self-proclaimed team of "idiots," undaunted by history or curses, to flip fate around and make 2004 one of the greatest vintage years of sports.

There is no more enduring image of the year - what it took to win and what it meant to those who did - than the bloodstained sock of Curt Schilling. It gave new meaning to Red Sox and belongs in the Hall of Fame.

Stitched to pitch, Schilling inspired his teammates and lifted the suffering generations of Red Sox Nation scattered around the globe. It was a medical miracle, if not a heavenly one, the very opposite of what Boston's many pessimistic fans had come to expect.

The signs at Fenway read "Believe," and

millions did. even if they feared down to the last out that something, somehow would go wrong as it always had since 1918.

Yet Schilling delivered and David Ortiz, Manny Ramirez, Jason Varitek, Johnny Damon, Kevin Millar, Orlando Cabrera and the others did the rest, stunning the Yankees and sweeping the St. Louis Cardinals in the





Deion Branch (83) and the New England Patriots celebrated a 21-game winning streak and the team's second Super Bowl victory in three seasons. Lance Armstrong (right), selected as The Associated Press' male athlete of the year for the third consecutive year, became the only six-time winner of the Tour de France in July.

"All empires fall sooner or later," Red Sox President Larry Lucchino said after the Yan-kees became the first baseball team to lose a seven-game series after leading 3-0.

"1918 is gone forever," Boston outfielder Trot Nixon said when the Series ended. "We're not going to have to hear about that

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the year voting

■ Red Sox win World Series (108) 1325 ■ Armstrong wins 6th Tour de France (7) 785 ■ Pacers brawl with Pistons fans (6) 662 ■ Patriots' win streak 498

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Bonds 700 HRs-7th
MVP (2) 419

Phelps wins 8 medals — 6 gold in Athens (1)
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Pistons upset Lakers for NBA title (1) 342

Singh is golf's first
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■ Busch wins Nextel
Cup (1) 120
■ Hamm wins disputed
gymnastics gold 114
■ Federer wins 3
Grand Slam titles 3
Grand Slam titles 7
■ UConn wins men's &
women's NCAA basketball titles 34

again He was wrong, though in a good way. These Red Sox will hear forever how they broke the so-called Curse of the Bambi-

Roll back the calendar to Jan. 1 and imagine betting on the New England Patriots to win the Super

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Boston Red Sox to sweep the World Series in the same year. What would you have won if you parlayed those with bets on the starless Detroit Pistons to win the NBA title and the Sunshine State's Tampa Bay Lightning to win the Stanley Cup?

What if, along the way, you ran up the winnings by betting that one school would win the men's and women's Final Four in basketball. No school ever had. Connecticut did.

And what were the odds back then that Vijay Singh would win nine times in the year, become golf's first \$10 million man, and replace Tiger Woods as No. 1 in the world?

Or that Switzerland's Roger Federer, uncoached, would become the first man since 1988 to win three Grand Slam tennis titles?

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was etched into baseball lore when Boston's ace won two playoff games, including Game 6 of the ALCS, after eschewing season-ending ankle surgery.

## Boston's conquest is one for the ages

By JIMMY GOLEN The Associated Press

There was no Commissioner's Trophy the last time the Boston Red Sox won the World

No commissioner, in fact. So when the Red Sox won it all for the first time since 1918.

they didn't think it would be right to stick their trophy on a shelf somewhere to gather Instead, they took it to every state in New England, to a fan

hangout in California and the team's academy in the Dominican Republic, to Christmas tree lightings and churches and nursing homes, where oc-togenarians have waited all their lives to see their favorite team win just once.

At the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, where they treat sick children thanks in part to the Red Sox and the Jimmy Fund, the trophy caused such a hubbub when pitcher Tim Wakefield brought it by last week that order, finally, had to be re-

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Wisconsin stuffs Alabama's high-octane offense, extends home winning streak to 36





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ered walk-off hits in Games 5

**Ohio State gets** a respite from a season of turmoil by blowing out **Oklahoma State** in the Alamo Bowl

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